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THE GOVERNOR AT CANTON

OFFICIAL WELCOME.

MOST IMPRESSIVE SCENES.

CITY EN FETE.

Canton Literally Plastered With Union Jacks.

FESTIVE SPIRIT ABROAD; EVERYBODY HAPPY.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Canton, This Morning.

H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) and party arrived here this morning aboard H.M. Ships "Tarantula" and "Cicala" and were met by the officials of the local Administration in accordance with the plan I despatched yesterday (which is published below). There was not the slightest hitch in the proceedings and the scene was the most impressive witnessed on the Government Pier for many a long year.

The city is literally plastered with Union Jacks, and most elaborate precautions were taken to ensure the arranged carrying out of the programme. The decorations, apart from the displays of the British national flag, were in every sense of the word lavish.

Thousands lined the Bund long before the warships were due to arrive with their distinguished visitors, and throughout this morning Canton was en fete. The occasion has taken upon itself, by common consent rather than by official decree, the nature of a holiday. The shops, of course, are all open, but the festive spirit is abroad.

Troops, gendarmes and police, from the early hours of this morning, have been lining the Bund for miles from the pier, and are also much in evidence at Administrative Headquarters. Shameen, too, has its military on view, as well as its police.

The "Tarantula" and "Cicala" were the cynosure of all eyes as they rode at ease in the harbour and the police and military were hard pressed in keeping the crowds from swarming to the edge of the Bund in attempting to obtain full view of the vessels.

EARLIER SPECIAL DESPATCHES.

Canton, Thurs., 2.30 p.m.

Union Jacks were in evidence in all parts of Canton to-day in readiness for to-morrow's welcome of H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, the Governor of Hong Kong. An order had gone forth that every shop and place of business must fly the British flag with the Nationalist standard. Accordingly, yards and yards of white drill were used up to cope with the demand because the supply of alpaca had run out. Many of the Union Jacks were crudely painted by hand but the shops which sold them did a prosperous business.

A drab background of that part of the Central Bund where the visitors land to-morrow has been transformed into a countryside market town en fete for some festival. The prosaic structure of concrete known as Tien Tsz Ma Tau (Government Pier) was covered with decorative bamboo structures and bunting. Just inside the bund, on Wing Hon-maloo (the road which leads to Government House) was a massive pailau in a maze of colours in which red—the Chinese for "good luck"—was predominant.

No pains had been spared to make the visit a success and a memorable occasion.

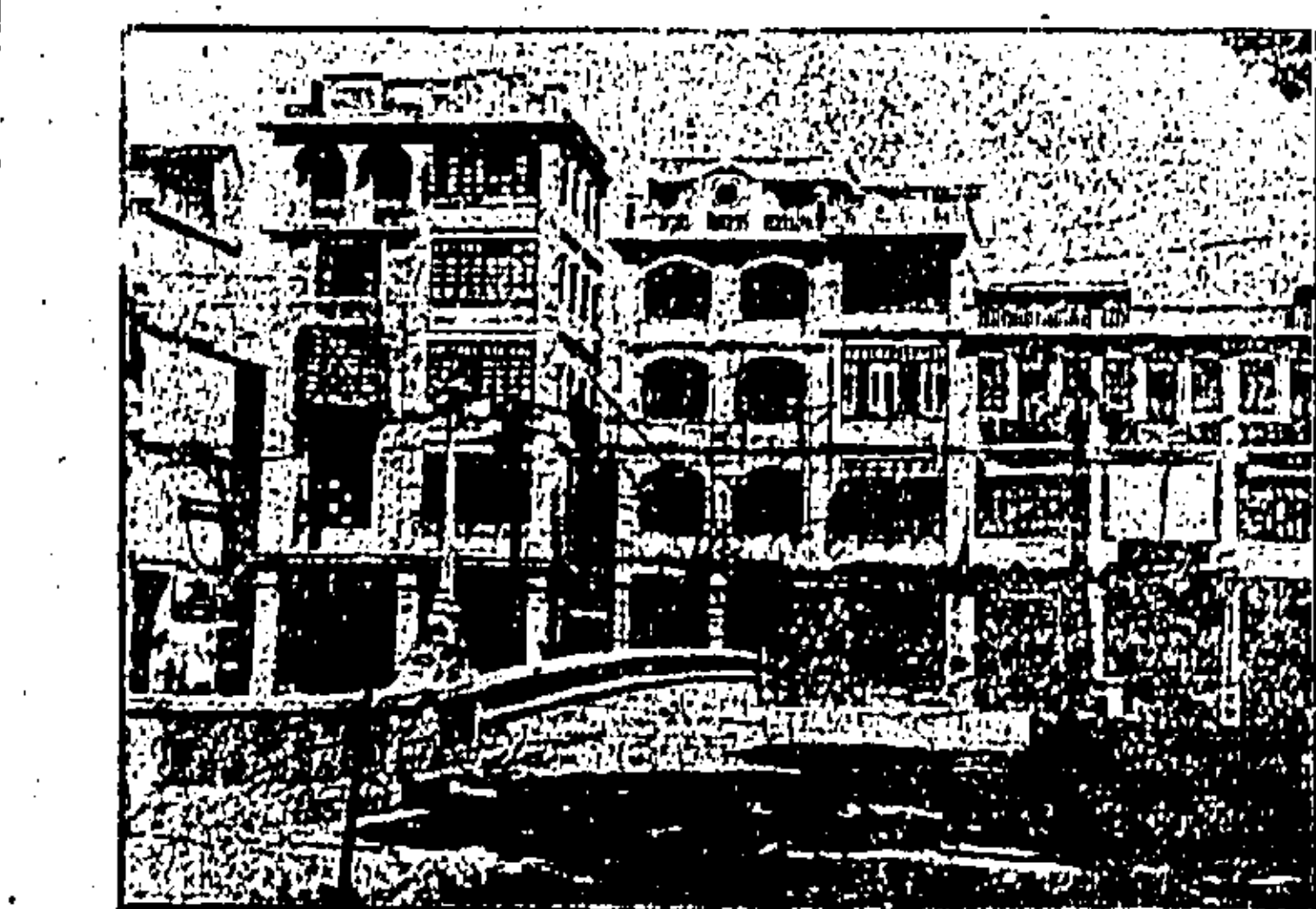
Lady Clementi Arrives.

About the time of writing, Lady Clementi, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., and Captain Perfect, 2nd K.O.S.B., A.D.C., arrived on the Steamboat Co.'s "Kinshan" from Hong Kong. They were met by Mr. Li Man-yan (director of the Revenue Council and principal private secretary to Marshal Li Chai-sum) and Mrs. Li Man-yan (who stayed at Government House last week). General Cheung Wai-chiang (director of the aviation bureau) and Mrs. Cheung Wai-chiang. The visitors were escorted to Shameen where Lady Clementi is to reside at the British Consulate-General.

In front and behind the motor-cars containing the visitors and officials were military motorcycle patrols each of which carried a portable machine-gun. The two Chinese members of the Legislative Council are to live at the Victoria Hotel, Shameen, as the guests of the Canton Government.

Notables Present.

All military, naval and aviation officers of "General" rank, (i.e., from Brigadier upward) and all heads of civil departments are to be present at Government Pier when H.E. the Governor arrives to-morrow morning with the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.,



The French Bridge, Shameen.

Captain A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C., and Captain B. R. Forster, Private Secretary.

When H.M.S. "Tarantula" and "Cicala" cast anchors, General Chan Hing-wan (Principal A.D.C.) will go off in the river gunboat "Nam Keung" to convey the visitors ashore.

At the Wharf. Marshal Li Chai-sum (chief of the Kwangtung Provincial Government), Mr. Chu Chao-hsin (Commissioner for Foreign Affairs) and all officials will be at the wharf. On Sir Cecil landing, the leading officials will be presented to him. After the saluting of the flags and inspection of the guard of honour, the visitors will drive to the headquarters of the Provincial Government.

The guard of honour will be furnished by the 11th Nationalist Army which is commanded by General Chen Ming-chen.

Troops, police and others will line the route and the scene will be very impressive. Light refreshments will be served at Provincial Headquarters and a group photo will be

Consulate Lunch.

Mr. Chu Chao-hsin and Mr. Li Man-yan will accompany Sir Cecil and his staff to Shameen where lunch will be taken with Mr. J. F. Brennan, C.M.G., the acting British Consul-General. The lunch will be a private affair.

A fleet of motor-cars has been assembled for Sir Cecil's tour of the whole of Canton city to-morrow (Friday) afternoon. Sir Cecil will ride and also walk on foot through some of the narrow streets. He will go to Kwoon Yin-fong in the western suburb, where he lived for some time to study Chinese, and also the old British yamen in the western suburb which was recently restored to the Canton Government.

Sight Seeing. The sight-seeing tour includes most of the places of leading interest, the public parks, the Goddess of Mercy Hills, and will extend over a long distance. In the afternoon, the visitors will be served with tea at North Garden.

H.E. the Governor, Lady Clementi and staff will attend the official dinner at Provincial Headquarters in the city to-morrow evening when many distinguished guests will also be present and a flashlight photo will be taken. Marshal Li Chai-sum will deliver an address of welcome and Sir Cecil will reply in Chinese. At the conclusion, the visitors return to Shameen.

To-morrow's Conference. On Saturday, Sir Cecil will call on Marshal Li for a conference.

Sir Cecil will be the guest of the Mayor of Canton city (Mr. Lum Wan-kai) at lunch to be served in the National Garden. The Mayor will speak and Sir Cecil will reply in English. Lady Clementi will lunch with the official ladies of Canton, in Marshal Li's house. In the afternoon there will be a sight-seeing trip on the River, in flower-boats, and it is hoped to go all the way down to Whampoa if time permits.

Anglo-Chinese Trade. Lady Clementi will dine with Madame Li Chai-sum, at Marshal Li's house. Sir Cecil will be the guest of the Canton Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, at the Chamber's premises. The Mayor will propose Sir Cecil's health and Sir Cecil will reply in English. Then Mr. Brennan will propose "Anglo-Chinese Trade" and a member of the Chamber's executive committee will respond. After the banquet, the visitors

JUDGE & HAYNES.

Power of Attorney Alleged.

SUMMARY COURT CASE.

Told He Co. Not Represent Absent Defendant.

Mr. L. E. Haynes appeared in the Summary Court this morning to answer for a defendant from whom he alleged he held power of attorney. Mr. Justice Wood, however, held that he could not so appear and the case was proved and judgment given for plaintiff.

The case was one in which Kan Chung-mau sued Lam Tsz-kwong for \$800 balance under an agreement relating to goods sold and delivered, the goods being two sets of Chinese moving pictures, (1) "Triangular in Love" and (2) "How Is It?" making a total of eighteen films. The price of the films was \$750.

When the case was called, Mr. J. M. Hall answered for the plaintiff.

Mr. L. E. Haynes said he represented the defendant, who was absent.

FINE WEATHER.

N. and N.E. winds, fresh, fine to cloudy, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

A weak anticyclone has formed over China. A depression covers the Loochoos. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the South East Coast and over the N. China Sea.

sent from the Colony and had given him power of attorney.

Mr. Justice Wood: You cannot. Mr. Haynes: Not by power of attorney?

Mr. Justice Wood: How can you?

Mr. Justice Wood then directed the defendant's name to be called. There was no answer and leave was given Mr. Hall to prove plaintiff's case.

Yeung Ling-sui, on behalf of plaintiffs, deposed to the agreement and the balance outstanding. Defendant had paid \$450 and refused to pay the rest.

Judgment was given for plaintiff.

HEAVY BAIL.

EDUCATION OFFICE CLERK CHARGED.

SIX COUNTS.

Pau Tat-shing, alias Pau Ng-ching, a clerk in the service of the Director of Education, was again before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged that he on or about January 31, did with intent to defraud, obtain from the Director of Education the sum of \$135 by falsely representing that certain vouchers and bills were true. There were five additional charges of a similar nature involving various smaller sums of money.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida, Sen., appeared for the defence and asked for a further remand. He said that he had intended seeing the Director of Education about the matter, but had not had the opportunity of doing so since the last hearing because he had not yet been supplied with a copy of the charges against the accused.

Major Willson fixed hearing of the case for Thursday afternoon next.

Mr. d'Almeida raised the question of bail and said that the accused was able to raise \$500, and suggested that that sum should be acceptable to the prosecution.

Mr. C. G. Perdue, assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, said that he was not satisfied with bail of \$500. He said he would not be satisfied with any bail which was less than \$2,500. He told the Magistrate that the charges against the accused were very serious and extended over a period of ten months. At least three of the charges were indictable ones.

The Magistrate agreed that the charges were too serious for such small bail and fixed it in the sum of \$2,500 as suggested by Mr.

FOOTSLOGGERS.

Very Few In The Next War.

MECHANISED ARMIES.

Secretary For War Pays Tribute To China Troops.

London, Yesterday. The time when but few soldiers will actually march a great distance to battle on foot but will be carried by air or motor vehicles was contemplated by the Rt. Hon. Sir L. Worthington-Evans (Secretary for War) in introducing the Army Estimates to the House of Commons.

He declared that additional mobility in carrying power of mechanical vehicles together with the striking force of tanks was creating a revolution. A General Officer commanding a series of experiments in mechanised warfare at Tidworth had reported his results and expectations. They had learned more by actual experiment than by a year's speculation. It was impossible to abolish horses altogether, but the mobility of cavalry would be increased by part of the horses' load being transferred to the lorry.

He pointed out that the cost of additional troops in China would come under the supplementary estimates. Nevertheless he would profit by the opportunity to pay a tribute to the good work and behaviour of the troops sent to China at short notice under exceptional conditions of service and appealed to employers to find the men re-employment.

A Labour motion to reduce the personnel of the army by 50,000 was rejected by 189 to 20 and the Army Estimates were agreed to.—Reuter.

INDIANISATION.

FACILITIES FOR HOME TRAINING.

SANDHURST COURSE.

New Delhi, Yesterday.

In the Assembly Field Marshal Sir W. R. Birdwood (Commander-in-Chief) announced that under the Government's scheme of Indianising the Army there would be instead of 10, 20 vacancies reserved at Sandhurst plus five or 10 allotted to the Viceroy's commissioned Indian officers. There would also be vacancies at Woolwich and Cranwell for Indians, and the rate of further Indianisation would depend on the Indians themselves. Sir W. R. Birdwood pointed out that the Army in India, far from being a drain on the country was a source of revenue, as the Army spent 77 per cent. of its gross expenditure in India while the military training was aiding up the physique, intelligence and citizenship of the Indian soldier.—Reuter.

Troops in China.

New Delhi, Yesterday. There was a heated scene in the Assembly during the debate on the Indian army question.

Mr. Motilal Nehru asked whether the savings of Indian troops in China came out of their pay or whether they consisted of loot.

Cries of "withdraw" substantiated the foul slanders were raised from the official benches. Nehru declined to withdraw, asserting that Indian troops were used against their will to humiliate nationals of another country. The Moslem leader, Mr. Jinnah, speaking as a member of the Sken Committee which enquired into the question of Indianisation, protested that the Government had virtually turned down the Committee's unanimous recommendations. He was convinced that the British Government was hindering India possessing a national army. General Birdwood's announcement completely destroyed his faith and bona fides in the Government.

IN ARABIA.

IBNSAUD GOING TO MECCA?

London, Yesterday.

Ibnsaud is shortly going to Mecca. Well informed observers think that if it is true it would indicate that the situation in Arabia was clearing up. It is not thought that Ibnsaud would leave his capital at Riadh in the centre of Arabia if he considered the situation there as anything but a

Y.M.C.A. WORKERS.

Friends of Service Men Leaving.

MR. BROWN & MRS. SANGER.

Two Well Known Entertainers Going Home.

Service men will lose a very good friend by the departure on leave shortly of Mr. R. A. Brown who, both before and after the institution of the "Cheer 'O" and other Y.M.C.A. centres, has proved indefatigable in their interests. The departure of Mr. Brown will be a distinctive loss to the social and entertainment work which is going on in Hong Kong for the Services. The popular "whist" drives at the "Cheer 'O" have been under his direction from their inception and he has also been the soul and centre of Popular Nights, evening dances, bathing parties and other functions arranged under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. for the entertainment of the Services.

Mr. Brown has been a worker in whom reliance could always be placed and in whom the soldiers and sailors always found a friend willing to serve them in any capacity. He was a member of the original entertainment committee and of the present Committee of Management of the "Cheer 'O" Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.

Mrs. Sanger. The Service men in the Colony also lose a good friend and the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. a willing helper in the person of Mrs. Sanger who is leaving the Colony next month. Mrs. Sanger came into prominence at the concerts arranged on behalf of the Services by Mrs. Costen and since then she has been ever ready with her fine soprano voice to contribute to the success of any programme, however small the event, arranged on behalf of the Services while, with Mr. Braga playing the violin obligato, her contributions have been the feature of many concerts. She was very popular among the Service men who will greatly miss her.

FIVE TO DIE.

ALLEGED SOVIET COUNTER REVOLUTIONARIES.

ECHO OF BIG FIRE.

Riga, Yesterday. A Soviet military court has sentenced to death without the benefit of the recent amnesty five men charged with organising counter-revolutionary acts, especially in connection with the firing of the Dubrovsky textile factory in 1926, this causing damage to the extent of one and a half million roubles.—Reuter.

RUBBER FEARS.

"FRIENDLY GESTURE TO AMERICA."

London, Yesterday. Suggestions that the Government's recent action regarding rubber was merely another gesture to America at the expense of the British taxpayer and the rumour that the rubberholder is to be sacrificed as a quid pro quo for the Americans reducing the navy estimates were mentioned in supplementary questions in the House of Commons arising out of the question as to whether British in the past year exchanged views with the United States Government concerning the removal of rubber restrictions.

Mr. Locker Lampson replied in the negative.—Reuter.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

TO-MORROW'S CHINESE WEDDING.

At St. Paul's Church, to-morrow the wedding will take place of Mr. Ma Wai-but, cashier of the National Commercial & Savings Bank and Miss T'so Mei-kei, daughter of Dr. S. W. T'so, LL.D.

The ceremony is to be held at 3 p.m., and the Rev. W. E. L. Martin, assisted by the Rev. S. E. T'so, is to officiate. Miss S. Wu, daughter of Dr. C. C. Wu, and Miss H. P. To, daughter of Mr. D. Jackman, manager of the Wing On Co., are the bridesmaids, with the bridegroom's sister, Miss Ma Kun-oi acting as flower girl. Mr. M. Y. Wong is to be the best man. Mr. Ma Wai-but is the son of Mr. Ma Wing-chun, managing

BOOTLEGGERS.

Four Chinese In Trouble.

"BRANDY" MAKERS.

What Revenue Officer Watt Found In A House.

A gang of Chinese "bootleggers" of a dangerous character who manufacture a form of "brandy" which G. R. Sayer, Superintendent of Import and Export described as dangerous to health, were brought to book in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning, and smart sentences were meted out by the Magistrate to four members of the gang.

The four accused were Ho Kul-hing (41), Yeung Siu-choy (22), Wong Fat (21) and Wong Tat-hei (33), and the address where the men carried on their dangerous trade was given in the charge sheet as the second floor of No. 391, Queen's-road, West.

There were three charges against all four accused as under:—

(1) unlawful possession of 26 bottles of adulterated brandy.
(2) unlawful possession of apparatus for making the adulterated brandy, and
(3) unlawfully making 26 bottles of adulterated brandy.

The second accused (Yeung) was further charged with the unlawful possession of prepared non-Government opium.

The men were originally produced before the Court yesterday morning and remanded until to-day for hearing of the case against them.

When the case opened this morning, Mr. Lindsell told Mr. Sayer that all four accused had already pleaded "guilty" to the unlawful possession of the adulterated brandy and of spirit of wine. The first accused (Ho) also admitted employing men not in custody to manufacture the liquor, which amounted to an admission of charges 2 and 3. The other three accused admitted that they had only arranged buyers for the liquor.

Mr. Sayer said that he was satisfied with the pleas, but would like to add a fourth charge against all the accused of selling and disposing of adulterated brandy.

On this charge all four accused pleaded not guilty.

Senior Revenue Officer George Watt spoke of executing a warrant at No. 391, Queen's-road, West, on the evening of March 7. There he found all the exhibits in Court and also four Chinese account books. All four accused were in the premises, and No. 1 (Ho) admitted that he was the occupier of the cubicle in which the things were found. He also claimed the brandy, spirit of wine and the account books.

Replying to Mr. Sayer, the witness said he also found some capsules for the top of bottles. All the accused claimed to live on the premises, and Ho said that he paid \$1 per bottle of the stuff at Macao. In a suitcase claimed by No. 2 (Yeung) the witness found a tin containing 1.2 mace of illicit opium.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, assistant Superintendent of Import and Export and Monopoly Analyst spoke about receiving 26 bottles of brandy which amounted in all to 61 2/3 gallons, the duty on which, as brandy, was \$26. The liquid in the bottles was not brandy but just plain coloured spirit of wine, the duty on which was \$10 per gallon. In addition, the witness received seven gallons of spirit of wine, the duty on which was \$70.

The Magistrate convicted. Ho was fined \$300 or two months' hard labour on each of the four charges, whilst the others were fined \$200 or six weeks on each charge, the sentences to run consecutively. For possession of the opium, Yeung was fined \$7 or an additional seven days' jail.

NAVAL RESCUERS.

The police received a telephone message from H.M.S. "Tamar" yesterday afternoon, that a sampan capsized in the harbour at 3.04 p.m., near No. 23 buoy at the Naval anchorage. All the people on board the sampan were rescued by Naval ratings from one of H.M. warships lying at anchor in the vicinity.

Suffering from injuries to his foot received whilst at work in the Kowloon godown yesterday afternoon, a coolie was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

HONG KONG TIDE

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The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tide observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Dobrsek during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889. The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the difference being very small.

The times of high-and low water must not be considered coincide with the times of slack water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

March 9 to 15, 1928.

DATE		HIGH WATER		LOWER WATER	
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Sun.	11	m 11 59	5.5	m 6 10	
				6 44 A	
Mon.	12	m 0 38	4.9	m 6 19	
		0 28A	5.6	7 40 A	
Tues.	13	m 1 18	4.3	m 6 33	
		1 34	5.7	8 39 A	
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地產蛋鷄	"	40	24	2
鷄翅	each	60	80	—
鷄翅	lb.	50	28	—
鷄翅	lb.	58	—	—
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Fruits.

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金	山	栗	22	24
燕	香	"	6	4
錫	桃	"	—	12
椰	干	each	13	10
棒	罐	lb.	12	7
金	山	each	10	8
燕	枝	lb.	—	25
錫	干	"	11	—

.....	糖	18	—
.....	沙	18	—
.....	花	14	10
.....	紅	—	12
.....	大	8	8
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Vegetables, &c.

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..... 苦	"	5	5
..... 酒	"	7	5

紅	瓜	7	5
芥	菜	8	—
椰	菜	6	12
膠	笋	6	—
大	花	18	—
中	花	14	—
細	菜	12	6
金	笋	6	6

.....	公干椒	8	10
.....	美椒	25	25
.....	紅花	14	10
sh.....	青架	12	8
.....	原材	12	8
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14th March, 1928.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, March 8, 1928.

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NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the THIRTY-NINTH
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
will be held at the Company's
Offices, P. O. Building, on FRIDAY,
16th March, 1928, at 12 Noon, for
the purpose of presenting the Re-
port of the Directors together with
a Statement of Accounts to 31st
December, 1927, and electing Direc-
tors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the
Company will be CLOSED from
3rd March, 1928 to 16th March,
1928, both days inclusive, during
which period no Transfer of
Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1928.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the Com-
pany will be held at P. O. Build-
ing, Victoria, in the Colony of
Hong Kong at 12.10 o'clock in the
afternoon on FRIDAY, the 16th
day of March, 1928, for the pur-
pose of considering, and if thought
fit, passing the following Resolu-
tion as an Extraordinary Resolu-
tion:—

"That the capital of the Com-
pany be increased from its pre-
sent capital of \$3,000,000 (Hong
Kong Currency) divided into
300,000 shares of \$10 each to
\$6,000,000 (Hong Kong Cur-
rency) divided into 600,000
shares of \$10 each and that
such additional shares shall
rank in all respects pari passu
with the original capital of the
Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
FURTHER GIVEN that a further
Extraordinary General Meeting of
the Company will be held at the
same place at 12.30 o'clock in the
afternoon on MONDAY, the
Second day of April, 1928, for the
purpose of considering and, if
thought fit, confirming the above
Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
FURTHER GIVEN that a further
Extraordinary General Meeting of
the Company will be held at the
same place on MONDAY, the
Second day of April, 1928, at 12.40
o'clock in the afternoon or so soon
thereafter as the above Meeting
shall have terminated for the pur-
pose of considering and, if thought
fit, passing the following Resolu-
tions, namely:—

1. "That the Directors be, and
they are hereby authorised to,
"capitalise the sum of \$1,500,-
000 profits of the Company
"standing to the credit of the
"Company's Reserve Fund and to
"allot to the members holding
"shares of the Company as on
"the 1st day of July, 1928, in re-
"spect of the net amount capital-
"ised fully paid shares of the Com-
"pany of equivalent nominal
"value in the proportion of one
"share for every two shares of
"the Company then held by such
"persons respectively and that
"such shares so allotted shall
"rank for dividends as from the
"1st day of July, 1928."

2. "That if, on such distribution
"as aforesaid, any person would
"be entitled to a fraction of a
"share, the Directors shall, in
"lieu of issuing fractional certi-
"ficates, cause the whole share
"to be allotted to a person or
"persons to be named by the
"Directors and such share may,
"at such time as the Directors
"think fit, be sold and the pro-
"ceeds distributed amongst the
"person entitled to the fractions
"making up the share."

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1928.
By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

NOTICES.

THE PRINCE'S BUILDING & LAND CO., LTD. (IN LIQUIDATION.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
in Pursuance of Section 188
of the Companies Ordinance 1911,
that a General Meeting of the
Members of the above-named Com-
pany will be held at the Offices of
Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth &
Fleming, 6, Des Voeux Road Cen-
tral, on SATURDAY, the Four-
teenth day of April, 1928, at 12
o'clock Noon for the purpose of
having an Account laid before
them showing the manner in which
the winding-up has been conduct-
ed and the property of the Com-
pany disposed of, and of hearing
any explanations that may be given
by the Liquidators, and also of de-
termining by Extraordinary Res-
olution the manner in which the
Books, Accounts, and Documents of
the Company and of the Liquidat-
ors thereof shall be disposed of.

Dated the 8th day of March, 1928.
J. HENNESSEY SETH,
S. HAMPDEN ROSS,
Joint Liquidators.

NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEAR-
LY MEETING of SHAREHOLD-
ERS will be held in the Office of
the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings,
Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 20th
March, 1928, at Noon, for con-
sideration of the Directors' Report
and Statement of Accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1927.
THE SHARE REGISTER and
TRANSFER BOOKS will be
CLOSED from the 14th to the 20th
March, 1928 (both days inclusive).
By Order of the Board of
Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1928.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLD-
ERS in the above COMPANY will
be held at the Offices of the Com-
pany, St. George's Building, Chater
Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on
WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of
March, 1928, at Noon for the pur-
pose of receiving a statement of
accounts and the report of the
Directors for the year ended 31st
December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of
the Company will be CLOSED from
TUESDAY, the 13th March, 1928,
until WEDNESDAY, the 21st
March, 1928, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDIN-
ARY GENERAL MEETING of
Shareholders will be held at the
Offices of the undersigned on
MONDAY, the 26th March, 1928,
at Noon, for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the General
Managers, together with a State-
ment of Accounts for the year end-
ed the 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and
TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOS-
ED from the 12th to the 26th
March, 1928, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON
& CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire
Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1928.

DENISON, RAM & GIBBS.

MR. L. GIBBS will retire from
this firm on 31st March,
1928, and will have no respon-
sibility for any work done by the
firm after that date.
The business will be carried on
under the name of DENISON,
RAM & GIBBS by Mr. E. F. R.
Sample.
Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1928.

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NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and
ENTRY FORMS for the
SECOND EXTRA RACE MEET-
ING to be held on SATURDAY,
17th March, 1928 (weather permit-
ting) may be obtained at the Race
Course, Hong Kong Jockey Club,
and Causeway Bay Stables.
Entries will CLOSE at 12 o'clock
Noon on MONDAY, 12th March,
1928.
Hong Kong, March 8, 1928.

MACAO RACES. MACAO RACES. MACAO RACES.

SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

SUNDAY, 11th MARCH, 1928.

FIRST RACE 1 P.M. SHARP

Public Enclosure .. 40 cents.
Members' Enclosure ... \$2.00

RACE STEAMERS:

SUI AN Leaves Hong Kong 8 a.m.
Returning from Macao 4 p.m.
TAISHAN Leaves Hong Kong 9 a.m.
Returning from Macao 5.30 p.m.
By Order,
S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that ANDREW HARPER &
SON have ceased to be the au-
thorised dealers of this Company
for Hong Kong and South China as
from the 26th day of January, 1928.
FORD MOTOR COMPANY.
Hong Kong 25th February, 1928.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that WALLACE HARPER &
CO., LTD., have been appointed
our authorised dealers for Hong
Kong and South China as from the
1st day of February, 1928.
FORD MOTOR COMPANY.
Hong Kong 25th February, 1928.



UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD. OF DENMARK.

The following unclaimed tele-
grams are lying at the office of the
Great Northern Telegraph Com-
pany (Limited) of Denmark:—
John Wold, from Tokio.
Beatty Police, from Shanghai.
Kokichi Inomata, c/o Okura,
Praya East, from Penchih.
Mrs. K. P. Chen, Kowloon Hotel,
from Shanghai.

E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1928.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following Unclaimed Tele-
grams are lying in the E. E.
Telegraph Co. office, Hong Kong:—
Hinton, from Worthing.
Horsbital, from Trujillo.
Sergt. Selmes Queens, from Mar-
gate.

E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1928.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FOUR VISITING CARDS neatly
and promptly printed—"China
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ST. DAVID'S DAY.

WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR.

OLD AND HAUGHTY NATION.

"An old and haughty nation,
proud in arms."—Milton.

The first day of March has, in
British annals, from time im-
memorial been set apart for St.
David the patron Saint of Wales.
On this day Welshmen the world
over assemble to do honour to
their country and their traditions.
The arrival of this day with a
local celebration of it by a dinner
and a dance at the Adelphi Hotel
prompts the question: What are
the characteristics of Welshmen
and what is Wales's contribution
to humanity and to Britain's
greatness?

There are not wanting in litera-
ture many testimonials of worth
to the sons of Wales. That at the
head of this column is one of the
best known. Old the Welsh
people certainly are as a race.
They dwell in Britain until they
were dispossessed and driven out
westwards, where they now live,
by the Saxons. To-day in the
vernacular, Englishmen are still
called in Wales, "Y Saeson."
Equally true it is to say that they
are haughty. Who but a haughty
character like Shakespeare's
Fluellen in Henry V. could have
so cudgelled and humiliated the
blustering and pompous Pistol
and made him eat the leek as the
proud little Welshman did? And
Shakespeare makes an English
character say, after chiding
Pistol, "and now let a Welsh cor-
rection teach you a good English
condition."

Fighting Qualities.

Warlike the Welsh have always
been and the last war showed only
too clearly their old fighting qual-
ities. A race who under Glen-
dower held England at bay for
years, and who earlier still with-
stood the advances of Edward I.
for so long a time under Llewellyn
the last, is clearly a fighting race.
Oliver Cromwell—who is said to
have been Welsh—met with very
bitter resistance from the Welsh
in his campaigns. Such too was
their record in the Napoleonic
wars especially under Wellington's
favourite General, Sir
Thomas Picton, a Welshman of
whose excellent soldierly qualities
Napoleon himself held so high an
opinion.

And yet withal they are a race
of singers and artists. They are
hardly a village in Wales that has
not its local bard or vocalist. To
attain bardic or musical rank and
eisteddfod honours is the ambi-
tion of this class of Welshman.
The drama, painting and sculp-
ture are provided for at the
Eisteddfod and honours are com-
peted for and won. The Eistedd-
fod has justly been called the
university of the people.

They are a short tempered and
choleric folk and are quick to re-
sist an injury. Scott and
Shakespeare have shown them to
be cruel and merciless to the van-
quished. Whether this be so or
not the present writer does under-
take to say. But they are a loyal,
steadfast and warm-hearted folk
and naturally urbane. Essentially
different from Scotsmen and their
own Irish cousins, they are mark-
edly different from Englishmen.
The practical, stolid and un-
imaginative Saxon has in the
Welshman his vis-a-vis; for the
Celt is a dreamer and an idealist
and highly imaginative. Few
outside Wales understand Welsh
people and the explanation is not
ready to hand. Protean, fickle,
inconstant and unreliable as they
may appear to the Englishman,
to those who know them they are
not really so. It is this slur that
Welshmen sometimes so resent.
He will be a wise man who pauses
and reflects on the aphorism of
the great Victorian writer Mere-
dith—himself a Celt—in this con-
nection and that is "There is
human nature and Welsh nature."

Prowess in Sport.

Their reputation in sport needs
no comment. For years till re-
cently they led in Rugby football,
being very ingenious exponents of
the game and producing some of
the greatest footballers. Recent
events tend to show Wales is
coming again to its own in this
direction. Last year the English
Football Association Cup was
brought to Cardiff—the first time
it ever left England—and Glamor-
gan's prowess at cricket bids fair
to rank soon with the best Eng-
lish cricket.

In finance they have David
Davies and in Lloyd George a
modern Pitt. With Lloyd George,
too, must be classed Lord
Rhonda whose herculean efforts
to save the country's food during
the war brought him to an early
grave. But when all is said and
done Wales's greatest asset of
pride has been, is, and will be the
retention living and unscathed of
her beautiful and ancient lan-
guage—"Straits Times."

Mr. F. Robinson, European Judge
and Legal Adviser, Kedah, has gone
on leave.

YING WAH GIRLS'.

FIRST YEAR IN NEW BUILDINGS.

CERTIFICATES PRESENTED.

The annual speech day and dis-
tribution of certificates won dur-
ing the year by students of Ying
Wah Girls' School was held in the
hall of the Hop Yat Church, Bon-
ham-road yesterday when Mr. Y. P.
Law, Inspector of Vernacular
Schools, presided and Miss Hut-
chinson, Headmistress read the an-
nual report.

Miss Hutchinson referred to the
erection of the new building, the
site for which had been presented
by the London Missionary Society.
The new school had long been badly
needed but its erection had been
held up by the strike and boycott of
1925 and the subsequent depres-
sion. The raising of the final
money had been largely due to the
whole-hearted manner in which stu-
dents and parents had assisted.

The Headmistress referred to the
work of the three departments into
which the School was divided—
Kindergarten, Primary and Middle
School, also to physical training,
cooking and other training. The
School branch of the Y.M.C.A. had
done good work during the year and
in the summer holidays students
had taken part in the summer
schools for poor children. A few
were able to attend the annual sum-
mer conference of the Y.M.C.A. and
Y.W.C.A. in Canton.

Reference was also made to the
activities of the Old Girls' Society
and their co-operation in raising
funds for the new building.
Thanks were also due to Rev. F.
Short and Mrs. Short, Dr. Syden-
ham, the Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E.,
and the Rev. C. D. Cousins for
voluntary service for the School.

After the distribution of certi-
ficates by Mrs. Luard, the Chair-
man addressed the students, and
the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, O.B.E.,
also spoke a few words in Chinese.

STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong
during March, according to the
standard time of the 120th meridian
east of Greenwich, is as follows:—

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
March	a.m.	p.m.
9	6.38	6.30
10	6.37	6.31
11	6.36	6.31
12	6.35	6.32
13	6.34	6.32
14	6.34	6.

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TANGO MARU Wednesday, 21st March.
SADO MARU Wednesday, 25th April.
HONBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
SADO MARU Monday, 12th March.
TOKUSHIMA MARU Thursday, 15th March.
GENOA MARU Wednesday, 28th March.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.
ANYO MARU Thursday, 15th March.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
HAKATA MARU Tuesday, 10th April.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
MAYEASHI MARU Monday, 26th March.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
LYONS MARU Saturday, 10th March.

CAICUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

A NEW RUN.

NORTH CHINA SERVICE TO START.

COLUMBIA PACIFIC LINE.

The Columbia Pacific Shipping Company announces that commencing with their s.s. "West Cayote," sailing on April 28 and s.s. "West Hixton," on May 5, from Portland, Ore., thereafter regularly on the 5th of every month, to North China ports, these vessels will return via San Francisco to Portland, Ore.

As General Agents of the Oceanic & Oriental Navigation Company, they will inaugurate regular monthly sailings from San Francisco to North China with the "West Chopaka" sailing on May 6. These vessels are to load from North China ports for Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The Columbia Pacific Shipping Company recently announced their Hong Kong trans-Pacific service, which includes three sailings a month to San Francisco from Hong Kong, two of which go to San Francisco and Portland and one to San Francisco via Los Angeles.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning:—North Wall, Petersfield, Ironclads and Sirdar; South Wall, Gunboats and Subs.; East Wall, Cornflower, Bluebell and Subs.; North Arm, Foxglove; West Wall, Ambrose, Onslaught and Alliance; Taikoo Dock, Carlisle; Kowloon Dock, Argus; Buoy 2, Herald; Buoy 5, Vindictive; Buoy 7, Moth; Buoy 12, Bruce; Buoy 13, Ruthenia; Buoy 18, Serapis; Buoy 19, Stormcloud and Sepoy; Buoy 20, Faulkner; Buoy 21, Thracian; Buoy 22, Sterling and Somme; Oil Fuel Jetty, Fortol, Franco and Belgol. Foreign Men-o-War, U.S.S. Pampana, U.S.S. Ashville, Portuguese, Poro de Alencar and Patria, Italian, Sebastiano Cuboto and French, Argus.

TRADING JUNK SUNK.

According to a report made at the Harbour Office by the owner of a trading junk, his craft was sunk as the result of the stormy weather on Monday last, and a valuable cargo on board was lost. The junk sailed from Shamshuipo at 6 a.m., on March 5 with 700 casks of Portland Cement consigned to Sangheong, in Chinese territory. When between Tungching and Tai-O at 2.30 p.m., the same day, a heavy sea arose and the junk sustained considerable damage. It shipped water rapidly, and soon became waterlogged, sinking within two hours. Those on board the wreck were rescued by the crew of a junk which was anchored in the vicinity. Only half of the sunken junk's masts remain above water. The value of the cargo lost is estimated at \$3,000, whilst the junk is worth \$8,500.

When within thirty miles of Plymouth, the French sailing vessel "Frisole" was blown into the Atlantic, and took six days to return.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S REPORT AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S RETURN.

The arrival of vessels recorded at the Harbour Office to-day totals 19 vessels, of which figure 8 British vessels figure prominently.

The cargo imported to this port by the above number of vessels shows a total of 16,885½ tons, the 8 British steamers contributing 3,250 tons.

Cargo being shipped through Hong Kong for ports beyond, amount to the high total of 39,165 tons, 9,500 tons are being carried by the 8 British vessels.

With regard to the above figures, the best return for to-day for cargo import to Hong Kong was shown by the s.s. "Fuku Maru" from Mororan—Messrs. M.B.K.—5,670 tons general cargo.

The highest figures recorded for cargo being shipped through Hong Kong for ports beyond, was registered by the s.s. "Havenstein" from Manila—Messrs. Jensen & Co.—9,700 tons general cargo.

Passengers arrived in the Colony in the time under review totals 1,007 persons, which include 482 Asiatic deck, 46 Asiatic cabin; 479 European cabin.

Departures.

For Shanghai:—Carmarthenshire, Kwong Fok, Havenstein, Havelland, Calchas, Taketoyo Maru.

For Singapore:—Esquillo, Thatta.

For Saigon:—Shun Chik, Mosel.

For Swatow:—Hydrangea, Deli Maru.

For Canton:—Shantung, Yat Shing.

For Antau:—Tak Hing.

For Port Redon:—Amagisan Maru.

For K. C. Wan:—Hanoi, Tai Poo Sek.

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THE PRICE OF SECURITY.

The views of the Secretary of State for War, on the army of the future, an army with, but a skeleton force of actual "footloggers" and mechanisation predominating in every branch, are interesting and bid fair to be realised. But will mechanisation decrease the reservoir of manpower which our military chiefs deem advisable to maintain for the Empire's protection? We doubt it. The flair at the moment is for bigger and bigger armies, and the counter-blast to the critics is always—"security." In this connection the speech of Dr. Stresemann, the German Chancellor, regarding the occupation of the Rhineland will evoke some sympathy. At Locarno Britain undertook the very serious obligation of guaranteeing the Franco-German frontier in order to meet France's insistence on security, which is, not unnaturally, an obsession of French policy. But if it leads her to break the Treaty of Versailles by delaying the evacuation of the Rhineland beyond the time agreed upon, and by ignoring the obligation according to Article Eight of the Treaty, it seems she is going the wrong way to secure it.

Looking on the other side of this picture we see that the disarmament of Germany has proved a powerful aid to her economic recovery. The German birth rate is still rising, and the French, and this fact is the

chief cause of France's fears. For some years the British point of view has been that France can best secure her end by trusting the British guarantee, and by co-operating with the Liberal and Democratic forces in Germany which, on the whole, have been in the ascendant since the war, and though eclipsed during the conflict, have been growing in strength for at least three generations. Security, in our opinion, can only come through an end being put to the Franco-German feud, which has lasted a hundred years. France is now by far the greatest military power in the world, but she can ill afford the burden.

These thoughts on security and the price we have to pay for it, prompted by a perusal of the summary concerning the Home army estimates, equally apply to the naval arm. The conferences at Geneva and before then at Washington amply illustrate this contention. Not one of the Powers, except America, can at the present really afford to embark upon new naval construction, and America is only able to do so because she is enjoying a period of unprecedented prosperity which she cannot explain. Yet many of the larger nations are building new ships of war. Even Germany is in the grip of the security bogey and the Reichstag has authorised the construction of a gigantic battleship for the protection of something or other. Thus does the obsession grow.

BOXING IN INDIA.

A CHALLENGE TO GUNBOAT JACK.

Roy Wells, the Ceylon boxer, has expressed himself willing to accept the challenge thrown out by Gunboat Jack, the unbeaten champion of India, and it is expected that a match will be arranged. Mr. Wells, father of Roy Wells, said: "Roy Wells gladly and willingly accepts Gunboat Jack's challenge and will meet him in the ring for ten to fifteen rounds all out, not for an exhibition bout, provided half of the gate goes to the Ceylon Rugby Football Club for their new ground. The boxing must be under the Amateur Boxing Association rules as to avoid the kidney and rabbit punch. In the event of Gunboat Jack winning, Roy Wells will be asked to meet him over ten or fifteen rounds, for a light to the finish, if Gunboat Jack will consent to terms."

OUT OF THE USUAL

THE FILM "DRUSILLA WITH A MILLION."
HUMAN APPEAL.

Midst the hectic descriptive matter and flamboyant effusions through which the reader has to wade in order to discover what a film is about I saw, somewhere or other, a paragraph describing "Drusilla with a Million" as having the greatest human appeal of any picture of recent years. For once the publicity word painter had got some truth in the mixture that makes his high-lights. "Drusilla with a Million" is all that and a lot more besides. It is a pity that it is only being shown at the World Theatre until Saturday and that there is the latest Charlie Chaplin comedy on view but a few hundred yards away, for every cine-goer should see "Drusilla." The picture is based upon a novel of the same name. I have not read it, but it must be a really great novel. The film follows the story fairly accurately—and I am assured that it does—there is more real portrayal of human nature in a chapter of it than in a couple of dozen ordinary works of fiction.

I didn't cry at the World Theatre last night—hard-boiled newspapermen cannot find much to cry about—but I know that some of the spectators did. And I do not blame them. There is in the film so much to which the chords of emotion may respond. Drusilla herself as the "charity" inmate in a home for aged ladies, deprived of the weekly treat, a motor car ride, because of the dirty paws of a dog she befriends; little Sally May's love for the man she rescues after a roadside accident, her pathetic effort to keep a job in a cheap restaurant, her loneliness and misery on the night her baby is born; Collin Arnold's vain search for the little wife who ran away from him, thinking it was for his benefit; thwarted Daphne Thornton when she finds that Collin is already married and will not dispute his father's will. These are but a few of the incidents capable of inducing that choky feeling.

Clever Restraint.

The story is simple but is portrayed with artistry and clever restraint. A millionaire disinherits his wild son, dies and leaves the million (dollars, I presume) to a distant relative—the "charity" inmate of the home for aged ladies. Whilst we see the dear old lady devoting her unexpectedly acquired wealth to the rearing of abandoned babies we also follow the career of the cast-off son, who meets with a motor accident, marries a servant girl bred in an orphanage and gets and holds what is for a millionaire's son (on the films at any rate) a good position, that of an assistant in a country-side garage. Also, whilst the old lady with all the money is turning the Fifth Avenue mansion into a baby farm we see the former fiancée of the motor mechanic, one-time heir to a cool million, persuading the servant-girl wife to leave home so that her husband may resume his position in the world to which he belongs—where cocktails reign in place of carburators and smartness has nothing to do with blowing up a tyre in record time. If there is a weak point in the story it is here, but if the little bride had not run away, though she did it at the command of a solitary jealous female, we would not have had those graphically-drawn and poignant pictures that follow. The ending is a happy one and, in this kind of picture it could not be otherwise.

Intelligence.

It follows from what has been written above, of course, that the picture has been produced and acted with a degree of intelligence well above the average level. The programme confines the cast to six persons. All, in their way, are stars. Intensive and technically perfect characterisation mark their efforts, which would lead one to surmise that the film was based upon an extraordinarily well constructed short story rather than on a full length novel. Even our most ardent picture palace enthusiasts will recognise few of the names. There is Mary Carr as Drusilla, the old lady who gets the million; Priscilla Bonner as Sally May, the orphanage girl; Kenneth Harlan as the millionaire's disinherited son; Henry Barrows as the millionaire (we only see him at the opening); William Humphreys as a real stage (and we have met 'em in real life) lawyer; and Claire Du Bray as the lawyer's daughter, once engaged to the millionaire's son—and the potential million—who induces the young wife to run away. That is all, but they get everything there is to be got out of a film piece that will be remembered when many of our "super-productions" rest among the things forgotten.

—H.C.

Three young men sailed from England at the end of February in a 10-ton schooner with the object of crossing the Atlantic.

LEPROSY CURE.

SUCCESSFUL TRIALS AT
PENANG.
NOT A NEW DISCOVERY.

In connection with the recent reports concerning the use of Hydnocarpus oil the "Straits Echo" publishes the following interesting article from a special correspondent.

The news of a wonderful discovery by which it is hoped that leprosy will be stamped out within the next decade, which was flashed by Reuters at the beginning of this week to all parts of the world, is very much belated, so far, at any rate, as this part of the Empire is concerned, because treatment by Hydnocarpus oil, which is the "discovery" announced has been used in the Leper Hospital at Pulau Jerejak for about three or four years. There is no doubt that the oil extracted from the dried fruit of the Hydnocarpus tree is the most effective medicine that has yet been discovered for treatment of leprosy. It has been proved conclusively by results at the Leper Asylum on Pulau Jerejak Island. The method of treatment adopted by Dr. A. H. Wheatley, the Superintendent and Medical Officer in charge at Pulau Jerejak Leper Camp, is that of injecting the oil into the sufferers, and photographs which have been taken eloquently show the progress made by patients after each injection of the oil. The oil of the Hydnocarpus tree is, as stated, responsive in cases where the disease is under six months old, and several almost permanent cures have been effected. We use the word "almost" before permanent, because it is believed that the disease is likely to occur again unless the patient adheres to a very rigid life of abstinence and carefulness.

In fact there is a case on record where a dresser of one of the Government hospitals was taken ill with the foul disease and, as his case was not advanced, the injection of the Hydnocarpus oil had such a marvellous effect on the man that medical men held him to be permanently cured. He was released from the Leper Hospital, and allowed to work again in a Government Department but after several years, he had a relapse. It is therefore believed by medical men who have made a lifelong study of leprosy that the result of Hydnocarpus oil is to effect an apparently permanent cure. A permanent cure is where a person has been absolutely free of the disease for seven years, and there has been no such case on record yet.

An Efficient Organisation.

The Leper Asylum on Pulau Jerejak Island is one of the most efficient organisations of its kind in the world, and experts who have visited it on various occasions have unanimously pronounced it to have been developed on lines only possible with a real expert at the head of affairs. Tributes to Dr. Wheatley, the doctor in charge, have been paid by men who are qualified to express an opinion, and there is no need to attempt any praise of him in this short article.

A very high degree of sanitation is required in a place where lepers are congregated, and the sanitary conditions on Pulau Jerejak Island and within the camps are at a type and standard that cannot be improved upon. Treatment is the other vital factor and, in this respect, too, the Leper Camp at Pulau Jerejak has kept well to the forefront. The "great discovery," only now announced and broadcasted to the world, has been, actually, in use for more than four years, and it has become firmly established as the main form of treatment. Even the most advanced cases respond to these injections and there are lepers on the Island to-day who, apparently, are not lepers at all.

Good as the Town Band.

A visit to the Island will be a revelation to anybody. Lepers can be seen who appear to be as normal as anybody, and for that matter, as happy as the proverbial bird. But for all that they are still lepers; and unless they continue to live under the best sanitary conditions, consume special diet, and enjoy regular hours of sleep, a relapse is almost inevitable. The large majority of the lepers on the Island have resigned themselves to their fate, and contrive to enjoy life as best they could. The men are practically allowed a free hand, and they undertake all sorts of employment, to keep themselves occupied.

The Pulau Jerejak Band is an institution in itself, and actually if allowed to play an evening on the Esplanade, would, it is stated, put our local Town Band into the shade. Quite a number of lepers have shown real musical talent, and the band does not lack for pieces as the very latest are imported for them from Europe. Great Redoubts, in Death Rags. But the greatest tribute that can be paid to the work on the Island

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

"Your wife drives her own car, doesn't she?"

"Yes."
"And does she pay attention to the 'Stop, Look and Listen' signs at the railroad crossing?"

"Well, I believe she obeys two-thirds of the warning, but I can't imagine anyone or anything making her listen."

Handy Husband.—"Hear about Jenks? He's a sonnambulist, you know."

"Well?"

"He woke this morning and discovered that he had been walking the floor all night with the baby in his arms."

Reggie—What yo' in for, Percie? Percie—Life.

"Ah don't mean, how soon, but how come?"

"Arson. Done knocked a coloured boy so cold he fell on a cake of ice and burned himself to death."

Customer (in barber shop)—Cut all three short.

Barber—What three?

"The beard, the hair and the conversation."

Customer (on the telephone)—Have you any flesh-coloured stockings?

Hosiery Clerk—Yes; whadda ya want, pink, yellow or black?

"I wish to complain," said the bride haughtily, "about the flour you sold me. It was tough."

"Tough, ma'am?" asked the grocer.

"Yes, tough. I made pie with it, and my husband could hardly cut it."

Kant—Surely you've heard of Scott, the great—
Say—Oh, yes, surely, many times—great Scott.

Doctor (to patient who claims to be a nervous wreck): "What are your symptoms?"

Patient: "I jump when I hear a telephone; the door bell sends me into hysterics. Any stranger coming to the house frightens me out of my life and I'm afraid to pick up a newspaper. Do you know what's wrong with me?"

Doctor: "Yes; my wife drives a car, too!"—"Contact," in "The Motor."

"If I had my way, I would abolish the collar," says a doctor.
Well, what's the neck's best thing?

He: What do you mean by saying this is a possum car?
She: Oh, it plays dead in the most convenient places.

Bewildered Young Man (to new salesgirl): Where will I find silk lingerie?

Salesgirl: Search me.

"Her husband owes a lot to her, doesn't he?"
"Sure; nobody ever heard of him before she shot him."

"And you know what happens to the little boy who clings to his mother's skirts in these days?"
"Yes. He becomes a trapeze artist."

"I will give you a shilling to help my maid chop the wood."
"May I see—"
"The wood?"
"No; the maid."

"I say, Joan, it's a dead stymie."
"Oh, Jack, dear, don't say I killed the poor little thing."

"Know anything about cars?"
"Been mixed up with 'em a bit."
"Mechanic?"
"No, pedestrian."

Is this fact, that is, that the death rate which used to be, some years ago, as high as thirty per cent, has now come down to about 10 per cent. To this excellent result, Hydnocarpus oil has played a large part, but other conditions have contributed in no small measure.

Although Hydnocarpus oil has been acclaimed as a remedy that will eradicate this monstrous disease in time to come, the medical world, that is those who know their subject, are in patient hope that an even more permanent cure will be found and in this connection, it is said that the name of Dr. Muir, of the Institute for Research Work of the Tropical School of Medicine, Calcutta must be associated as one of the great pioneers who has done much to improve the lot of the unhappy leper of to-day.

Sir Leonard Rogers, who was interviewed in London on the "new cure" is, of course, the other and recognised authority on leprosy matters, and was for many years a co-worker with Dr. Muir in the research work of the Tropical School of Medicine in Calcutta.

KOWLOON STUDENTS

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL
SUCCESSSES.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual prize distribution at Central British School, Kowloon, took place yesterday, the annual report being read by the Headmaster, Mr. G. F. Nightingale, and the prizes being presented by Mrs. E. Ralphs, wife of Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools.

Among those present were Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Mr. B. Wyllie, the Rev. J. H. Johnston and the Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell.

The headmaster's report was as follows:

The School was opened on 194 days. The maximum enrolment was 130-175 in 1926, the average attendance during the whole year being 130-131 in 1926. The highest monthly average was 140 in November, the lowest 119.5 in June. The attendance was generally good in spite of an epidemic of measles that caused many to be absent during the months of May and June, and thus lowered the average attendance of the year.

There were many changes in the Staff during the year. Mrs. Nightingale and I left, on Home leave in March, returning in November, and during this period the School was very ably governed by our Second Master, Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell, whose ever willing and ready co-operation has been invaluable to me. Miss Hall also left, on Home leave, in February, Mr. Mason in March, and Miss Brown in June. Mr. Biddow, Miss Peyton, Miss Watts, Mrs. Upsdell, Mrs. Boas and Mrs. Gripps joined the Staff, and Miss Tasarates returned from leave in April.

Visitors.

The School was visited by the Director of Education, the Inspectors of English Schools, members of the Board of Education, the Medical Officer of Schools, and many parents and others interested in the School.

The boys and girls of Central British School continue to take an active interest in the cause of Charity, assisting at the Annual Sale of Poppies on Armistice Day, and at the Annual Sale of Work of the Ministering Children's League.

Our thanks are again due to Mr. W. G. Joseph and Captain Muir for illustrated magazines and periodicals, and to Mr. Wyllie for photographs of current world events.

The Association's activities covered a wide field, including Cricket, Hockey, Tennis and Water Polo. We played in the "C" division of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis League, and two teams took part in the Water Polo League, one team again ending the season as runners-up to the V. R. C.

The School Company was successful in the Rally this year, again winning the Prince of Wales' Banner. The Company is now in charge of Miss Buckwell as Captain, and Miss Owen Hughes as Second in Command.

Games and Sports.

In April the School Sports were held on the School grounds at King's Park and I am pleased to be able to state that only 15 pupils took no part, these being debarré by health reasons. The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, Colonial Secretary, remarked that he had never seen a more happy Sports Day or such a cheerful sporting spirit as was shown by the competitors in the different events. There was keen competition between the Houses, Red House winning the most points and thus becoming holders of the Challenge Cup presented by Mr. Wyllie. The Annual Empire Day picnic was held at Clearwater Bay. Swimming was very popular, and A. McCubbin won the Junior 100 yards Championship of the Colony. Physical Instruction and Boxing were held twice a week during the cool months.

The special feature of our games, Cricket, Hockey and Football, was the matches against Service teams. Teams from H. M. Submarines, H.M.S. "Ambrose," the K.O.S.B. Regiment, and the Bandsmen of the Queen's, were our opponents, and did much to improve our play and to help and keep alive the present strong sporting spirit so evident amongst the boys. Senior and Junior matches were played against other schools. Tennis was very popular, the courts being in splendid condition and in use almost every day.

Interest in Sport was never so keen in the School as it is now and so great was the demand for games that no less than three matches were in progress in one afternoon. This splendid result was made possible by the enthusiasm of our Sports Master, Mr. Rowell, who was fortunate to have the enthusiastic co-operation of Mr. Biddow.

University Examinations.

The Central British School has never had better results than those obtained this year in both the Matriculation and the Local

Senior and Junior—Examinations of the University of Hong Kong. In Class I, all were successful, all winning distinction in at least one subject. Two candidates were awarded Matriculation Honours, two passed the Matriculation Examination, two passed the Senior Local Examination, one gaining Honours. They won ten distinctions and both the King Edward VII Scholarship and the Government Education Scholarship for Girls, tenable at Hong Kong University, the former won for the first time by C. B. S., who this year headed the list.

These results merit detailed mention of the candidates and their successes:

T. C. Payne—Matriculation Honours, King Edward VII Scholarship, (first on the list), distinction in English, Mathematics and Physics; S. R. Whitley—Matriculation Honours, Education Scholarship at Hong Kong University, the Montargis French Prize, distinction in English and History; L. A. Easterbrook—Matriculation Pass Certificate, distinction in English; B. J. Vickars—Matriculation Pass Certificate, distinction in English; E. L. Hayes—Senior Local Honours, qualifying for Matriculation, distinction in English and Arithmetic; P. Hynes—Senior Local Pass Certificate, distinction in Domestic Science.

In Class 2 the results of the Junior Local Examination were also very satisfactory, 13 out of 20 entered for this examination passing, that is 65%.

These results also merit detailed mention: H. W. Brown—distinction in English; D. A. Hynes—distinction in English; A. Ursell—distinction in English and Biblical Knowledge; A. C. Maycock—pass; R. H. A. Woolley—distinction in English and Biblical Knowledge; J. A. Black—distinction in English and Music; B. Budden—distinction in English and Arithmetic; E. A. Hosford—Montargis French Prize (Junior); and distinction in Arithmetic; W. Reed—distinction in Arithmetic; M. L. W. Bryson—pass; D. O. Braunsfield—pass; E. L. McCubbin—pass, and the J. R. M. Smith Scholarship; E. B. Moses—pass. This Class won 12 distinctions.

It is very gratifying to me to be able to report the successes gained in English showing, as they do, that we are making the study of English a very important part of our work here.

We endeavour to give our boys and girls a systematic training in the use of books.

Uneducated Person.

A person who is unable to make a practical use of books as sources of information is an uneducated person. A growing boy or girl must learn how to get the substance from a simple treatise. He must learn to read a history book for its historical information, a geography book for its geographical information, and so on. He must learn how to use a simple encyclopedia, a biographical dictionary, a gazetteer, an atlas, the index of a book and a library catalogue. It will be seen that we shall then have gone afield in the great Empire of English—into the great world of books. It is a very necessary excursion. To teach the use of books is now our aim, for during the short time we have our boys and girls we can do few things more useful than to show them how to use books as tools, as sources of information, and as the means of further study. Perhaps if we can teach them how to get fact from print we may be teaching them not to draw opinions from print. The danger of the present age is the continued vociferation of inflammatory opinion by all sorts of periodicals. We want to create people who can use print, not people who are intimidated by print. The best thing we can teach a child is not a mass of authoritative information that settles or seems to settle everything for ever, but the assurance that life is a great adventure worth pursuing in the spirit of adventure. By means of their own language and literature we can begin to educate our boys and girls in the humane qualities, in breadth of view, in depth of thought, in accuracy, clearness and force of expression, in appreciation and nobility, and give them vision.

Royal Drawing Society.

At the Annual Examination in the various Divisions held in June very good results were obtained. Three candidates, G. Arnold, M. Whitley and R. Woolley, having won honours in all Divisions, were awarded "Full" Certificates, G. Arnold gaining the Overseas Prize in Division VI, the other three prizes in this Division being won by schools in Canada and South Africa.

The general report for candidates entered was "A good and well sustained result."

In conclusion, I thank all the donors of prizes, and the Staff for their enthusiastic co-operation and support throughout the year. I wish, especially, on behalf of Central British School to thank you, Mrs. Ralphs, for honouring us with your

presence here this evening and for so kindly consenting to distribute the prizes. Your long absence from the Colony will the better enable you to appreciate the immense strides forward taken by Central British School since the day when you came here to present badges to our first prefects.

Prizes.

University Examination, 1927: J. C. Payne, Matriculation, (Honours), distinction in English, Physics, Mathematics, King Edward VII Scholarship; S. R. Whitley, Matriculation (Honours), distinction in English, History, Education Scholarship; L. A. Easterbrook, Matriculation, distinction in English; B. J. Vickars, Matriculation, distinction in English; E. L. Hayes, Senior Local, (Honours), distinction in English, Arithmetic, Qualified for Matriculation; P. C. Hynes, Senior Local, distinction in Domestic Science; H. W. Brown, Junior Local, distinction in English; D. A. Hynes, Junior Local, distinction in English; A. C. Maycock, Junior Local; A. Ursell, Junior Local, distinction in English, Biblical Knowledge; R. H. A. Woolley, Junior Local, distinction in English, Biblical Knowledge; J. A. Black, Junior Local, distinction in English, Music; M. L. W. Bryson, Junior Local; B. Budden, Junior Local, distinction in English, Arithmetic; D. O. Braunsfield, Junior Local; E. A. Hosford, Junior Local, distinction in Arithmetic; E. McCubbin, Junior Local; E. Moses, Junior Local; W. Reed, Junior Local, distinction in Arithmetic; S. R. Whitley, Montargis French Prize (Senior); E. A. Hosford, Montargis French Prize (Junior).

Government Scholarships:—E. L. Hayes, R. Woolley, V. Levkovich, I. Bickford, F. Stokes, M. Clarke, I. Black, E. Green.

Garrison School Scholarships:—F. Anslow, D. Booker, L. Peard.

Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Scholarship:—D. Dixon.

J. R. M. Smith Scholarship:—E. L. McCubbin.

Head Master's Prize:—S. R. Whitley.

Wyllie Composition Prize:—L. Spooner.

Rivry League Prize:—R. Woolley.

Erza Abraham Prize for Mathematics:—T. C. Payne.

War Memorial Prize:—T. C. Payne.

History Prize (presented by H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Esq.):—E. A. Hosford.

Scripture Prize (presented by Rev. J. H. Johnston):—A. Ursell.

Literature Prize (presented by Rev. J. H. Johnston):—V. Levkovich.

Prize for Mathematics (presented by G. C. Wood, Esq.):—B. Budden and T. Ingram.

Drawing Prize (presented by Messrs. Der A. Wing):—M. L. W. Bryson.

Nature Study & Physics (presented by Messrs. Brewer & Co.):—I. Woolley.

Royal Drawing Society.

Royal Drawing Society's Overseas Prize, 1927, Division VI:—G. W. Arnold (Illustration); Royal Drawing Society's Full Certificate:—G. W. Arnold, M. Whitley, R. Woolley.

The following obtained honours or passes:—G. W. Arnold, M. Whitley, J. Black, H. Brown, M. Bryson, G. Carr, S. MacNider, A. Maycock, A. Ursell, R. Woolley, D. Braunsfield, J. Lyon, E. McCubbin, F. MacNider, E. Moses, E. Butler, R. Forster, V. Levkovich, Y. Lang-further study. Perhaps if we can teach them how to get fact from print we may be teaching them not to draw opinions from print. The danger of the present age is the continued vociferation of inflammatory opinion by all sorts of periodicals. We want to create people who can use print, not people who are intimidated by print. The best thing we can teach a child is not a mass of authoritative information that settles or seems to settle everything for ever, but the assurance that life is a great adventure worth pursuing in the spirit of adventure. By means of their own language and literature we can begin to educate our boys and girls in the humane qualities, in breadth of view, in depth of thought, in accuracy, clearness and force of expression, in appreciation and nobility, and give them vision.

After presenting the prizes, Mrs. Ralphs, referred to the pleasure it gave her to be present at the School after an absence of eight years and paid a tribute to the work of the Headmaster. The students had reason to be grateful to their teachers because they had enabled them to make use of their knowledge as seen in the excellent results in the local examinations.

G. C. Payne had done particularly well and his success was something to be proud of.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mrs. Ralphs was presented with a bouquet by one of the students.

A First Folio Shakespeare, known as the "Wentage-Crawford copy," has according to the "New York Herald Tribune," been brought quietly to the United States and sold to an American collector for \$10,000.

Mr. D. H. Hampshire, who has been visiting Cameron's Highlands, is back in Kuala Lumpur.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brankston have returned to Shanghai and have been staying at the "Astor House Hotel."

FOR ORPHANS.

EARL'S 30 YEARS AS
TREASURER.

THEN AND NOW.

Thirty years in the treasurership of the Alexandra Orphanage—a period which he has just completed—has brought to Lord Marshall a rare experience of this branch of charitable work and of the charitably-disposed public.

In an interview accorded to a representative of "The Daily Telegraph," Lord Marshall pointed out that there is still a demand for orphanage care among fatherless children, in spite of the increase of insurance and provident schemes among workers, and the wider scope for women in employment, which allows widows more frequently to maintain their children.

"In thirty years," said Lord Marshall, "there have been considerable progressive changes in the character of the great orphanages of the country. One might point to much more striking contrasts between now and sixty years ago, for these institutions then had not begun to emerge from the conditions which made the orphanage, however well-intentioned in its origin, almost akin to a place of correction. The days when to be at one and the same time both an orphan and poor incurred a sort of punishment—a minimum of care and maintenance, a hard discipline, a grotesque garb, and, on leaving an allocation to the more menial of the humbler tasks in life—had not then passed away.

"But thirty years ago the transition period had been reached. Children were better fed, more broadly educated, and provided with a greater measure of recreation; their orphanage uniform was not so pronounced, and their start in life was not limited to the scullery for the girls and the errand-boy type of work for the boys.

"To-day there is really nothing left of the old inhumane conditions. A modern orphanage is tantamount to a boarding school for fatherless children between the ages of infancy and 15 years. There is no uniform other than the school colours shown in necktie and hat-ribbon. The training is not for merely the menial tasks. There is nothing at all by reason of which a boy or a girl who has passed through a good orphanage need feel shy of the fact being known in after life.

Self-Reliance and Resource.

"Whether the good people who, nearly 170 years ago, founded the Orphan Working School, now known as the Alexandra Orphanage, would approve of the latitude now given to its proteges may be doubted. But experience has proved that children are the better, and not the worse, for the pleasures which sympathetic people provide for them. The programme of instruction in the Alexandra Orphanage permits orphans to take high places in public school examinations; they may learn to play the piano; they may attend art classes; they are instructed in handicrafts. Health is safeguarded with the keenest watchfulness, and pleasant ways of maintaining it are devised. The system of training grounds the children in self-reliance and resource. When a chartered accountant writes to say that he considers himself fortunate in securing the services of a second boy trained in this school for his office it indicates a more than average quality of preparation for a career.

"In the course of thirty years," Lord Marshall went on to say, "I have seen nothing but improvement in connection with this work. The post of treasurer has entailed a constant strain in raising the necessary funds; it has been no easy task to guide something like half a million pounds into the coffers of the Alexandra Orphanage in that time. There have been special difficulties to confront an orphanage treasurer during recent years of changing values, in which the cost per child rose from \$26 per annum to over £60 per annum at one time, and to £52 per annum to-day. My treasurership has brought me into touch with a great variety of generosity, and it has thrown a pleasant light on human nature to have been in contact thus with so much that is generous and well-disposed. An outstanding feature of my donations lists has been the gratitude of old pupils of the orphanage, many of whom send from year to year a token of their appreciation of the training they have received."

The 169th Anniversary Festival of the Alexandra Orphanage, which claims to be the oldest orphanage for boys and girls in Britain, is being held at the Mansion House, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor.

Mr. D. H. Hampshire, who has been visiting Cameron's Highlands, is back in Kuala Lumpur.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brankston have returned to Shanghai and have been staying at the "Astor House Hotel."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Circus."

To-day—World Theatre; "Dracula With A Million."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Little Irish Girl."

To-day—Sing-song, Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 10—Concert, Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 11—Music, Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 11-12—World Theatre; "The Small Bachelor."

March 11-12—Queen's Theatre; "The Tumbling River."

March 12-13—Queen's Theatre; "The Demi Bride."

March 14—Queen's Theatre; "Two Arabian Knights."

March 13-14—World Theatre; "Stella Dallas."

March 13-14—Star Theatre; "The Unholy Three."

March 15-17—Queen's Theatre; "My Best Girl."

March 15-17—World Theatre; "The Understanding Heart."

March 15-17—Star Theatre; "The Sap."

March 22—Musical at Helena May Institute.

Sports.

March 10—Thirty-ninth Boxing tournament of the H.K. Boxing Assn. Lee Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

March 17—Extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley.

March 20—R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) bogey competition, New Course, Fanling.

Lammerts' Auctions.

March 10—Goods and Chattels of Mrs. F. K. Cameron of No. 13 Queen's-road Ctl., 10 a.m.

March 14—At 465, The Peak, Barker Rd., valuable household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

March 15—At Sales Room, Duddell St., a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

March 10—Thirty-second yearly meeting of shareholders in the Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road; noon.

March 16—Thirty-ninth general meeting of the H.K. Electric & Co., Ltd., Company's offices, P. & O. Bldg., noon.

March 20—Yearly Meeting of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Bldg., noon.

March 21—Thirty-ninth annual meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., noon.

March 26—Fifty-ninth general meeting of Shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, noon.

April 14—General meeting of members of The Prince's Bldg. & Land & Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), 6, Des Voeux-road Ctl., noon.

Miscellaneous.

March 10—Next Tournament of the H.K. Boxing Assn.; Lee Theatre, Percival Street, East Point.

March 11—Sixth extra race meeting of Jockey Race Club.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevesa" Trophy), starting at 4 p.m.

March 17—Annual prize distribution at St. Joseph's College, by Mrs. E. Ralphs.

March 30—Annual dinner of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, 8 p.m.

CINEMA NOTES.

SOME FACTS ABOUT "THE
CIRCUS."

Some idea as to the physical magnitude of Charlie Chaplin's production, "The Circus," which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre, may be had from figures compiled by the general statistician at the Chaplin studio.

Livestock housed for a period of more than a year included elephants, lions, tigers, and geese. Properly to feed and care for these the commissary department was required to handle for many months, food items that totalled more than sixty thousand pounds, the greater bulk of this being in beef and tins of hay, corn, carrots, potatoes and bread.

During filming of scenes under the circus tent and surrounding grounds, in some instances there were 2,000 women, children and men gathered together. The necessary "fixings" for an assemblage of this character called for 3,000 gallons of lemonade, 6,622 bottles of soda pop, 2,602 bags of peanuts, 1,125 rolls of popcorn, 8,708 frankfurters—and an equal number of rolls, 1,517 sticks of chewing gum, 1,282 lollypops and 1,806 pretzels.

The engagement is announced between Captain Rupert Leslie, R. A. elder son of Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Arthur Leslie, of 25, Bolton Gardens, S. W., and Rosalind Mary, only child of the late Dr. Edward Stratton and of Mrs. Captain 2b Oakley Street, Chelsea. Captain Leslie has many friends in Malaya, particularly in the F.M.S., where he was adjutant of the M. S. V. R. for a period, afterwards becoming Commandant of the Volunteer Forces in Kuala Lumpur. He is now serving with the Royal Artillery in England.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. J. E. Fox, for 41 years registrar of Croydon County Court, has retired.

Mr. Verne Dyson delivered a lecture in Soochow University, on "The Feudal Age of China."

For the 19th time in succession there were no cases for trial at the Thetford (Norfolk) Quarter Sessions.

The Shanghai and Woosung Garrison Commissioner has appointed five officers to act as postal censors.

Capt. E. J. Watson, of the Singapore Pilot Association, Mrs. McWalter and Mrs. Gardner proceeded home by the "Hector."

The ordinary annual meeting of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., will take place at St. George's Building on March 21 at noon.

Sir Frederick Lugard, formerly Governor-General of Nigeria, who received a peerage in the New Year honours list, has taken the title of Lord Lugard.

One man was killed and three injured at Portsmouth Naval Barracks by the mapping of the yard of the signalling mast, which fell 50 feet on to a working party.

Dr. Vaughan Williams is retiring from the musical directorship of the Bach Choir at the end of the season, and the position has been accepted by Mr. Gustav Holst.

The foundation stone of the University of Kwangsi was laid in the city of Wuchow last month and it is expected that the formal opening will take place in August or September.

General Wardrop (the new G.O.C. of the Shafores) has paid an official call on Gen. Chang Ting-fan, Mayor of Greater Shanghai, and visited Gen. Hsiung Shih-hui, the Garrison Commissioner.

Originally fixed for to-day, the tea party arranged by the Committee of the Khalsa Diwan in honour of Mr. K. S. Chowdhury, Hong Kong's first Indian barrister, has been postponed to a date which will be announced later.



Captain Herbert Hartley, Commander of the Leviathan, who has retired as Commander of the United States Lines Fleet. Captain Hartley, who is 62, will go into business in Boston and will have a home for the first time since he was eighteen.

Mr. William Parks, a Crimean War veteran, who was a private in the 7th Royal Fusiliers, has died at Stamford, near Doncaster, at the age of 89.

Mr. L. R. Wheeler, B. Sc., B. A. (London), Assistant Commissioner of Boy Scouts for Malaya (F. M. S. and Malacca) who was Assistant Inspector of Schools in Perak for some months past, leaves Gopeng for Kuala Lipis where he will be Inspector of schools, Pahang.

The wedding took place at Penang of Mr. P. N. Knight, a well-known member of the bar, and Miss Beatrix Irene Blundell, who recently arrived at Singapore from England. The Rev. Keppel Garnier officiated. Mr. J. Crabb-Watt gave the bride away, and Mr. A. D. M. Folsom was best man. The honeymoon was spent at Brastagi.

The sum of \$500 was claimed as money advanced under a partnership at the Summary Court yesterday, the parties being Lung Quok-lung of 5 Gresson-street, plaintiffs, and Tam Wah-dong, c/o the China Rubber Tyre Company, defendant. The defendant counter-claimed for \$250. It transpired that, following disagreements, the partnership was dissolved and that the chief stumbling block to the dissolution agreement was how a debt of \$784, owing to the partnership, should be liquidated. Judgment was reserved.

Mrs. W. R. Meredith is leaving Kuala Lumpur for home in May.

Mr. R. P. Zimmerman arrived at Shanghai on the last trip of the "President Jefferson."

Mr. H. S. Sequerah, of the Land Office, Malacca, is proceeding to Singapore on promotion.

The annual dinner of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders will be held in the Rooms on Friday, March 30 at 8 p.m. when H.E. the Governor has intimated his intention of being present.



Thieves who entered the Above Bar Congregational Church at Southampton during the night made off with the pulpit clock.

The estate administered by the Estate Department of L. M. S. Railway has an approximate rent roll of £1,300,000 a year and 94,000 tenants.

Mr. Bernard Wilkinson, Managing Director of the Wilkinson Process Rubber Co., Ltd., Batu Caves, has returned from a business trip to Shanghai.

One hundred recruits from Chapei, Shanghai, have gone to Nanking, while 46 former Whampoa cadets passed through from Nanking, en route for Hangchow.

Mr. J. Straton Ferrier, formerly of Kuala Lumpur and until recently manager of the Mercantile Bank, Penang, has gone to Surabaya to take charge of the branch of the bank there.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, six Chinese were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with being connected with a local triad society. On the application of Mr. C. A. S. Russ who appeared for two of the men, a formal remand was given.

The forthcoming weddings are announced of Leonard Griffin Daish, Captain, R.A.P.C., to Ethel Mary Tigwell, Sister at the Bowen-road Military Hospital; and Arthur John May, architect, residing at the Y.M.C.A., to Lily Graham Iliff (Dr.), residing at the Helena May Institute.

According to the "Sinwampao," the Nanking authorities have decided to organise an air mail and passenger service between Shanghai and Nanking, and Shanghai and Hangchow. There will be two flights daily. An aviation school has been opened in Nanking for the training of pilots.

It is officially announced that Lieut.-Col. Sir Ronald Waterhouse, who has been principal private secretary to a succession of Prime Ministers since 1922, has resigned his appointment in order to take up the directorship of a new company, the Canadian Investment Trust, Ltd. Before taking up his duties at No. 10, Downing-street when the late Mr. Bonar Law was Premier, Sir Ronald had a record of distinguished service in the Army and at the Air Ministry, and subsequently acted as private secretary and quarry to the Duke of York. He is being succeeded by Mr. Robert Vansittart, who, at the age of 46, has had a distinguished career in the diplomatic service. He was principal private secretary to the late Marquis of Curzon when he was Foreign Secretary and has since been head of the American branch of the same Department. Sir Patrick Gower will continue to occupy the position of joint principal private secretary to the Premier.

Inspector. Family, of Kuala Kangsar, has been transferred to Klang.

The Bishop of Singapore will make his first official visit to Seremban after Easter.

Horace Edgar Jay, age 23, of 18, Dyer-road, Southampton, had just said good night to his fiancée, when he collapsed and died.

Burglars broke into the house of Mr. H. D. Sack, a Nottingham magistrate, while he was at dinner, and took jewellery valued at £240 from a bedroom.

Maharshi Servadhyayananda, the great Vedic and Oriental Scholar has gone to Penang on a flying visit and is staying at the Indian Association with his wife.

Mr. Lim Chong-pang, manager of Neeson and Sons, who, with Mrs. Lim Chong-pang, has been on a tour round the world, has returned to Singapore on the "Suwa Maru."

Mr. H. R. North, has arrived in Ipoh from Amoy to take charge of the local Agency of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation from Mr. Mathews, who is being transferred elsewhere.

According to the Russian press, cavalry and infantry units from Soviet Russia continue to violate the Chinese border, penetrating into China as much as 70 versts, seizing cattle and other spoil as they desire.

Mr. Isaac Simpson, of the Seremban Post Office, who is shortly proceeding to Ipoh on promotion as Assistant Postmaster there, was entertained to dinner by his colleagues in the Postal service at Seremban. Mr. C. Mannicasani, Postmaster, presided.

A small Japanese steamer caused some excitement along The Bund last week by swinging in perilously close to the Peking Road Jetty. However, she dropped her anchor in time and drew out again into the steam without any damage done.



Formal notice has been given of the retirement of Mr. A. L. Blechynden from the managing directorship of the New Engineering & Shipbuilding Works, Ltd., which position will be resumed by Mr. A. W. Brankston. Mr. Blechynden is retiring with his family to Vancouver.

It having been reported that a Chapel constable (Chinese force) was arrested in North Szechuen-road by a foreign member of the Shanghai Municipal Police, indignation meetings have been held by the Chinese and resolutions have been passed demanding that the authorities should lodge protests over the matter and demand a public apology from the Shanghai Municipal Council, a guarantee that no Chapel constable shall be arrested in future, and a suitable indemnity.

As the result of a raid by Revenue Officers in a house in Queen's-road, West, a quantity of locally distilled brandy and various ingredients for its manufacture was seized. Some labels bearing the words "Star Brand Port Wine" were also seized. These labels represent the wine to have been manufactured in England. Other "fakes" were a number of bottles which bore Macao tobacco labels instead of the local excise strips. Five men were arrested and charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday. They were formally remanded.

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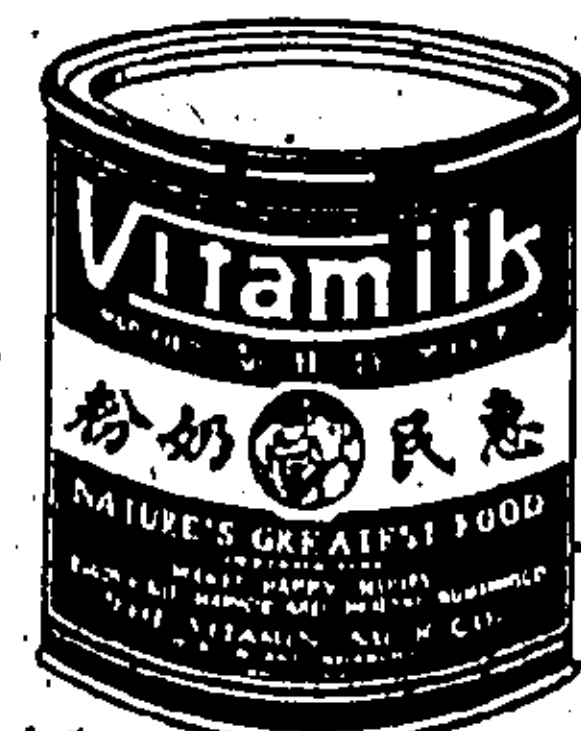
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Marshal Li Chai-sum's official visit to H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong has been briefly described in cables broadcast to all parts of the world. As the chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce stated, a precedent was established by the invitation to Madame Li Chai-sum to reside at Government House as a guest.

Full reports are now eagerly awaited by all those who have any interest in or connection with the Far East. Business men will be highly pleased to read the expert translations in the "Overland China Mail" of Marshal Li's pronouncements on vitally important subjects. Other friends will like the social side of the reports.

Interest will be sustained as Sir Cecil Clementi is visiting Canton. Make sure you get the "Overland." If you want to tell people what occurred—and how many are those who write who were actually present at one function or another—send them a copy. It will obviate the necessity of laborious work in writing descriptions.

WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going Home on leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised by the number of persons who will ask you about China and Hong Kong. You will be astonished at the number and type of silly questions put to you in all good faith. And you will have to admit reluctantly (if only to yourself) that you are not quite certain. Will you be believed, though? Keep in touch with Hong Kong and China by having the "Overland China Mail" sent to you for a stipulated period.

By spending a little time while you are on holiday, you can keep yourself well informed if you have the "Overland." The articles which you will seek are written to help non-Chinese to understand. In any case, you will not regret, from your own point of view, being posted with the main developments (reported in brief) while you are away.

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Sport Columns

SATURDAY SOCCER.

SHIELD SEMI-FINAL AT SOOKUMPOO.

IMPORTANT LEAGUE MATCHES

[By "Rover"]

The programme of matches for Saturday is a very attractive one, the following being the full list:

Hong Kong Shield Semi-final Re-play. Kick off 4.15 p.m.

Kowloon v. Hong Kong Club, at Sookumpoo. Referee:—Capt. Austin. Linesmen: Messrs. Presley and Cowan.

Hong Kong Senior League. Kick off 4.30 p.m.

Recreio v. Chinese Athletic Club ground. Referee: Mr. Gilbert. Scots Guards v. K.O.S.B., Chatham Road. Referee: Mr. Smith.

South China v. Police, Caroline Hill. Referee: Mr. Williams. Hong Kong League, Junior ("A") Division. Kick off 3 p.m.

St. Joseph's v. Kowloon, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Lonsdale.

Recreio v. R.A., Recreio ground. Referee: Mr. Hutchins.

The following matches in the 1st Division League have been arranged for Wednesday next the 14th inst., kick off 4.15 p.m.

Hong Kong League—1st Division: K.O.S.B. Regt. v. Queen's Regt., Sookumpoo. Referee: Mr. Barber.

R.A. v. Scots Guards, Chatham Road. Referee: Mr. Baldwin.

The chief match on Saturday is the Re-play Shield Semi-Final at Sookumpoo between the Club and Kowloon and a rare good fight should result in the second meeting of these two clubs, local rivalry accentuating the great interest in the result.

With the R.A. short of several regular players, these having left the local garrison, the Police won their semi-final on Wednesday by three goals to one, their latest acquisition McGreavy getting all the Police goals. It is a remarkable feature of this year's Shield matches that the three civilian sides—Club, Police and Kowloon—who have provided League points to most of the other Clubs in the Senior League in the Colony should be the last remaining clubs in Hong Kong's principal football competition.

The League Competition resumes again on Saturday and the meeting of the Recreio and the Athletic at the Club ground for the second time should provide a good match, with the Recreio making a fresh start after their recent decline, and a close result, with the Athletic securing the points is expected.

The Scots Guards and Borderers match on the Military ground will be the only Senior match at Kowloon and there should be a great struggle between the two Scottish teams, with the Guards all out to secure the points which if they win them will make them strong favourites for runners-up medals in the Senior Division.

The Police v. South China match at Caroline Hill will be a good struggle if Police field full strength, which in view of Wednesday's game is unlikely, as one or two of the Police are still feeling the effects of the R.A. game.

Although the Junior programme is a small one, the two matches arranged are very interesting ones. St. Joseph's did splendidly to beat the Borderers Reserve on Saturday last and thereby breaking the remarkable record put up by the Remarkable side these last two seasons, and they should win against Kowloon Reserves on Saturday, although the latter are a good all-round lot and may spring a surprise.

The R.A. who defeated a very weak Recreio Reserves team at Sookumpoo two weeks ago will find Recreio at King's Park a very different proposition and the local lads may turn the tables on their heavier opponents.

CLUB TEAM.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Club on Saturday v. Kowloon:

Goal: Rodger; Backs: Bishop (Capt.), Holt; Halves: McBride, Stewart, Watson; Forwards: Taylor, Alexander, Scott, Smith, Simpson.

Charlie Bray, the former Newport County amateur goalkeeper, has died following a long illness at the age of 28. Latterly, through ill-health, he had been able to assist only junior teams in the Newport district.

GOLF CLUB.

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIMES.

FANLING COURSE.

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times at Fanling on Sunday are as follows:—

9.28 a.m. D. G. Bruce, B. D. Evans.

9.32 " W. K. Tait, J. Cameron.

9.36 " M. G. Mills, W. K. Duncombe.

9.40 " B. P. MacMahon, Comdr. Fowle.

9.44 " D. M. Goodall, F. Wheeler.

9.48 " J. F. Kennedy, A. Morley.

9.52 " A. B. Stewart, H. F. Bloxham.

9.56 " H. Graves, G. W. Garrett.

10.00 " G. Murray, Comdr. Brown.

10.04 " J. W. Alabaster, J. Coulthart.

10.08 " A. R. Cox, W. A. Weight.

10.12 " E. D. Black, C. H. Eldridge.

10.16 " S. H. Langston, R. G. S. Kay.

10.20 " A. B. Purves, F. Taylor.

10.24 " T. D. E. Pendered, A. B. Raworth.

10.28 " S. T. Butlin, A. Somerville.

10.32 " F. M. Ellis, A. J. Frank.

10.36 " G. Davidson, J. M. Norrie.

10.40 " H. G. Hegarty, J. Raikes.

10.44 " H. U. Ireland, H. Spicer.

10.48 " C. L. Sandes, L. G. S. Dodwell.

10.52 " O. E. L. Marton, J. E. L. MacKay.

10.56 " A. H. Ferguson, L. R. Andrews.

11.00 " R. A. Green, E. P. Streetfield.

11.04 " A. Leach, A. E. Jissaman.

11.08 " D. Templeton, T. Ramsay.

11.12 " A. O. Brawn, R. E. Greensmith.

11.16 " R. L. Stewart, J. P. Sherry.

AMATEURISM.

BOBBY JONES AND HIS £10,000 HOUSE.

The case of Mr. Jones and his gift house has served to draw attention to the question of amateurism and the dangers arising from certain practices, which though perfectly innocent in conception, tend in the long run to create an atmosphere of grave suspicion and bring odium on the game.

Wherever the true spirit of amateur sport exists the decision of Mr. Robert Jones in declining, after first accepting, the gift of a freehold house to the value of £10,000 from golfing friends and admirers in the State of Georgia, will be heartily applauded.

Though the present was made, and accepted, in all good faith, and even sanctioned by the United States Golf Association, a body beyond suspicion, the great sporting public was not slow to recognise that a blunder had been committed.

It was felt that a blow had been struck at the very foundations of amateurism in sport, from which the consequences would be disastrous and far-reaching.

All strict amateur associations have set their faces against the "commercialisation of one's skill," a principle which, though excellent in theory, seems difficult to put into practice.

POLO INSTEAD.

NO DOG RACING AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

A scheme for new amusements at the Crystal Palace was announced by the general manager, Mr. H. J. Buckland, at the annual meeting of the trustees. He said:—

As the trustees have now decided against greyhound racing, it is necessary to embark on other schemes. One such scheme will be to reintroduce polo in the Palace grounds, with mounted sports such as gymkhanas, pony races, and so forth. These sports would be rigidly governed.

Sir David Burnett, who presided, said that at the trustees' special meeting the following resolution was passed:—

It having been reported to the Trustees that the Greyhound Racing Association Limited declined to exchange the agreements for the inauguration of greyhound racing at the Crystal Palace, it is resolved that the agreement sealed in escrow by the trustees be annulled.

Sir David added: "There will be no greyhound racing so far as the Crystal Palace is concerned."

THE BOAT RACE.

IMPRESSIONS OF CAMBRIDGE CREW.

GEARING OF OARSMEN.

Cambridge, Feb. 2.

The Cambridge crew entered the second period of their training on Tuesday last, when the Right Hon. W. Dudley Ward (who, I am told, is the only Privy Councillor who has coached a University crew) took over the reins on the towing path from Colonel Wauchope, writes "An Old Blue" in the "Daily Telegraph."

To a certain extent he is in a more fortunate position than his rival at Oxford, Dr. P. C. Mallam, for he has taken over a crew that had already been together for over a week. I say to a certain extent only because there is something to be said for changes in order in early stages, when the individual members of a crew are being grounded, and a fresh coach can more easily get hold of a crew which is rowing in a fresh order, and is therefore not too comfortable.

When I saw them on Tuesday they were rowing in the following order, and I think there is very little doubt that no further changes will take place unless something unforeseen occurs.

E. Norman Butler, Eton and Third Trinity (bow) ... 11 7

2. N. M. Aldous, St. John's, Leatherhead and Selwyn ... 11 9

3. T. E. Letchworth, Downs and Christ's ... 12 10

4. R. Beesly, Oundle and First Trinity ... 12 13

5. M. H. Warriner, Harrow and First Trinity ... 13 3

6. J. B. Collins, Eton and Third Trinity ... 14 5½

7. J. C. Holcroft, Radley and Pembroke ... 12 9½

R. J. Elles, Marlborough and Trinity Hall (stroke) ... 11 9

A. L. Sulley, Denstone and Selwyn (cox) ... 8 6

This crew is nearly 51½ per man heavier than the Oxford crew, for it averages 12st. 8½lb. It is, in spite of the extreme weight of Collins at 6, well balanced, for stroke side as a whole is only 71½. heavier than bow side. The worst point about this placing of the weights is that the crew is almost 2st. heavier in the stern half than in the bows, and, if there is anything in Dr. Bourne's stream-line theories, this fact will tell against them unless the crew are seated a little further forward than is usual.

Placing of No. 6.

The most awkward thing for the boat-builder to overcome is the placing of 6, for he is so long in the leg that he will need some 4in. more rowing space than the 50½in. which is usually provided. It has, I believe, been very difficult to fit him into the boat in which the crew is now practising, but the job has been very well done, for in spite of his enormous reach forward he is so placed that his oar is exactly parallel with that of 4 throughout the stroke. This has been effected not only by stopping him back from his work, but by giving him a longer rigger, and an oar with a longer inboard measurement than the rest of the crew. The greater leverage which he thus obtains is allowed for by giving him a larger blade.

The gearing of oarsmen in a subject which has never been thoroughly investigated, mainly for reasons of expense and the fact that sufficient time is seldom available; yet scientifically it cannot be right that, in a crew composed of eight men all of different build, size, and weight, each should wield an oar of exactly the same size.

The variations in Collins's oar are a step in the right direction, but a very small one, for his effective reach must be at least 12in. longer than that of Norman Butler at bow, whilst an extra inch and a half inboard only makes a difference of 2½in. in a full reach out.

During the ten days which have elapsed since I first saw them the crew has altered considerably, and they are not quite so taking to the eye as they were. This is mainly due to the fact that some members of the crew have improved whilst others have stood still, which is only natural at this stage of practice. Their rhythm as a whole is still rather puzzling, but they do not appear to be paddling a faster stroke than they really are, as they did at first. They are not quite so quick off the stretcher as they were, for they have almost to a man got into a habit of stiffening themselves, but they are developing a very powerful drive in the middle of the stroke.

Elles at stroke is improving, for he is learning to control his head much better. Last year, and in the Trial lights, he rather spoiled his boat by raising his head just before he got in. This fault not only deprived him of some of his effective reach, which lowered his value as a boat-pusher, but also

gave a false sense of timing to his crew and so lessened the vigour of their attack. He now holds his head steady on his shoulders until the weight of it is linked up with his feet, and then lifts it in the middle of the stroke.

When Crew Go To Ely. This is what gives the crew their power in the middle of the stroke of which I have spoken. He will improve more as a stroke if he keeps this lift of the head until a still later period, for then he may make the finish much harder throughout the boat. For it is a really hard finish that is most essential to pace, and it is at present lacking in this crew. The weights come off the handles of the oars before the hands are home into the chest, with the result that the boat settles down into the water and checks her speed just at the moment when she should be running fastest.

Holcroft, at seven, has lost some of the suppleness which he had at the beginning of practice, and is stiffening over. The stretcher, I think that this is due to his trying to work too hard, but probably the dead water of the Cam has something to do with it, for it is too easy to get hold of a firm lump of water, with the result that life is bound to go and stiffening becomes difficult to avoid. As soon as the crew migrate to Ely and row on the faster waters of the Ouse they should gain enormously in life.

To none of them should this transference be of more value than to Collins. In a slow-moving boat he has more work cut out for him than he can possibly contend with. His chief fault is that he is rather slow with his log-work at the beginning. He appears to be getting his weight on to the handle of the oar and then starting his drive from the stretcher, with the result that, although his blade is in perfect time with stroke's, his work is just a trifle late. Warriner at five is a little slow at the start and a little awkward at the finish, but he uses his great power well in the middle of the stroke. He will, I think, be the gamble of the Cambridge crew, and it will be interesting to see if he can improve in quickness sufficiently to keep up with the rest of the crew when they leave the Cam and gain in pace.

Beesly at four has, I think, improved more than anyone. His work comes straight from the stretcher and at once. Moreover, as his hands are very light when he is reaching out, it is fully effective. His only fault now is that he is, if I may so put it, a little mean with his finish. If he could only open out his shoulders a little more and row his hands in a shade higher up he would undoubtedly be in the best oar in the boat.

Letchworth has taken quite comfortably to the bow side, and has found his old form at once. Aldous at 2, the only product of the Fairbairn school in the crew, has still something to learn, or unlearn, before he can fully justify himself. He has learned to control his slide and his body-work is good, but he is heavy with his hands over the stretcher and slow into the water, whilst at the finish he rows his hands down on to his thighs instead of up to his chest.

Norman Butler at bow rows in pretty style, but he needs lighter water and a faster boat before he can do himself full justice. In Sulley, the coxswain, Cambridge have the advantage of nearly a stone in weight, which is a very considerable amount, and at the least compensates for lack of experience. It is not definitely decided when the crew are to leave for Ely.

Oxford's Hardest Work. For the first time since practice began the Oxford crew went over the long course. In the same order as on Tuesday they had a two-mile row from Horse Gate to Nuneham boathouse, occasionally working up to a sharp burst which, however, they did not maintain for long. On the return journey they paddled to Radley boathouse, where, after a rest, they came through to Sandford without a halt, and then paddled home to the boathouse. This is the hardest work they have so far attempted.

REVENUE FROM BETTING.

Mr. MacDonald's View.

In an interview, the Right Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald said he was not interested for or against the totalisator as a method of betting—the betting fraternity could look after that themselves.

He was opposed, however, to the introduction of the totalisator for the purpose of facilitating the Treasury deriving revenue from racing. The fact that we derived revenues from drink was no reason why we should bring in other categories of racial deterioration from which to derive more revenue. This was only a method of saving the direct taxation of the rich, and putting more and more of the cost of government on to the backs of the masses of the people.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

PREPARATIONS FOR ANNUAL INSPECTION.

LATEST ORDERS.

The following orders have been issued by Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant:—

Kirkpatrick Scheme.

"Kwong Lee" launch will leave Murray Pier at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, March 11, 1928, for Kirkpatrick Scheme. All interested are invited to attend. Timings must be brought.

Annual Inspection.

(a) The General Officer Commanding, South China Command, will inspect the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps on Thursday, March 15, 1928, at 6 p.m. on Murray Parade ground.

Every member of the Corps (Reserve Company included) is required to attend.

(b) The Corps, less Battery, Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.15 p.m.

One marker from each unit will report to the Corps Sergeant-Major on Murray Parade ground at 5.30 p.m. They must know the number of files in their own units.

(c) Battery, Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies will parade on Murray Parade ground at 6.15 p.m.

Dress: Drill tunics, shorts and puttees, hosetops, helmets, belts, rifles and bayonets. Medals will be worn if in possession. If not, ribbons 1 inch long. Chin straps will be worn under the chin.

The Battery as above, only no rifles, no hosetops, bandoliers instead of belts.

Mounted Infantry Company, Motor Cyclists and Drivers as above, only with bandoliers, no hosetops, breeches instead of shorts.

Remainder of Armoured Car Company as above, with bandoliers.

Scottish Company will dress in the kilt with glengarrys, khaki tunics, sporrans, diced hosetops, flashes and spats. Belts and frogs.

Officer Dress: Khaki drill, shorts, puttees, hosetops, sam brownie belt, sword and sword knot, helmets.

Practice Parade.

Practice Parade for the above inspection will take place at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 1928, in uniform.

Members are reminded that attendance at the G.O.C.'s inspection is one of the qualifications for efficiency.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters from Monday to Wednesday, March 12 to 14, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.

Rifle Meeting.

The dates and order of events will be as follows:—

Sunday, April 8, 1928.—Blake Shield, Francis Cup, Jar Competition, Plate Competition and Attack Competition.

Monday, April 9, 1928.—Corps Championship and Tyro Competition, Musketry Competition, Reserves Cup, and Lewis Gun Competition.

Revolver Competition both days. Entrance fees.—All individual events \$1 per man per competition, other events 50 cents per man, with exception of Revolver Competition (unlimited entries) for which the fee is 20 cents per entry, made on the range.

Intending competitors must send in their names, accompanied by entrance fees, not later than Monday, April 2, 1928, to the Hon. Secretary, Rifle Meeting, Volunteer Headquarters.

Musketry.

Sunday, March 11, 1928.

The Field Section and Corps Signals will fire Part I. Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 11.

Range Officer: Lieut. R. S. Logan. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, March 10, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Engineer Company.

Field Section Part I. will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, March 11. Particulars see Order No. 4.

Signals.

Musketry Part I. will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, March 11, vide Order No. 4.

Infantry Company.

There will be no parade on Tuesday, March 13. All ranks must parade

at 5.30 p.m. to attend practice parade on Monday, March 12, and the Annual Inspection on Thursday, March 15, vide Order No. 2.

Scottish Company.

Monday, March 12th, at 5.30 p.m. All Platoons will parade at Corps Headquarters for practice parade for annual inspection. Dress: Re-vised Order I.e., Glengarry, khaki tunic, kilt, sporran, diced hosetops, flashes, spats, rifle, bayonet, belt and frog. Medals will be worn.

Thursday, March 15. Annual Inspection vide Order No. 2.

Sunday, March 18. Triangular Shoot arranged by Mr. R. M. Dyer between 2nd Bn. Scots Guards, 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B., and Scottish Company at Stonecutters.

Sunday, April 1, 1928. Inter-Platoon Shoot for "Dyer" Cup.

Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on March 5, 1928, and posted to No. 11 Platoon (Portuguese Company)—No. 1306 Pte. A. L. Mills.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 372 Pte. E. Docherty, No. 6 Platoon, from February 28, 1928, to February 27, 1929.

No. 1028 Pte. F. S. Gumley, M. I. Co., from March 17, 1928, to March 16, 1929.

No. 1276 Gnr. R. W. H. Maynard, Battery, from March 31 to December 31, 1928.

No. 488 Sgt. D. C. Bruce, A.C. Co., from March 1 to December 31, 1928.

No. 1207 Bandsman A. M. Souza, Corps Band, from March 5 to May 4, 1928.

Resignations.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:—

No. 721 Spr. A. Spary, Engineer Co., as from March 1, 1928.

No. 790 Pte. F. A. Kemp, A.C. Co., as from March 1, 1928.

No. 1011 Pte. F. K. Garton, A.C. Co., as from March 1, 1928.

No. 686 Lce.-Corpl. A. Brailsford, Corps Signals, as from March 1st, 1928.

No. 722 Cpl. E. D. Black, A.C. Co., as from February 22, 1928.

No. 981 Pte. J. Reidy, Reserve Co., as from January 20, 1928.

No. 187 Pte. L. Jack, No. 7 Platoon, as from March 7, 1928.

No. 424, Pte. D. McCallum, A.C. Co., as from March 10, 1928.

No. 859 Pte. B. J. Vickers, A.C. Co., as from March 1, 1928.

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LIGHT OPERA.

ITS ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT.

It might seem strange, looking at the enormous field which has been covered by musical historians past and present, that so interesting and fruitful a subject as that of light opera should have been overlooked. There are books in existence dealing with one aspect or another of the subject, but it has been left, so far as we are aware, to Mr. Sterling Mackinlay to produce a volume tracing the origin and development of the lighter forms of lyric drama through the ages. Certainly he has gone about his task thoroughly enough. He takes us back to the drama of the ancient Greeks and the Attic chorus comedy, and, while these may claim a certain antiquarian value, it is only by a rather wide stretch of imagination that one can be persuaded to see in them the real germs of the art form which he discusses.

When he reaches the era of Italian opera buffa and the Intermezzo, beloved by Neapolitans in the seventeenth century, his survey becomes a trifle cursory, and the reader may find it a little difficult to trace the development of light opera from one period to another. Over a couple of pages it seems rather a leap from the elder Scarlatti to Cherubini, and one might suggest that of the latter composer's works, as also those of Pergolesi, Paisiello, and Cimarosa, he might have told us more, as showing the influence of their music on some of their successors. So, too, with the enormously productive period extending from Rossini to the Verdi of "Falstaff," which, indeed, is disposed of in a chapter that even embraces Wolf-Ferrari and Puccini's "Schicchi." With more space at his disposal he would, no doubt, have found it worth while to dwell a little on the development of Puccini's style as exemplified in that score.

But it must not be thought that Mr. Mackinlay has scamped his work; indeed the whole volume bears witness to thorough research, and such cursoriness in places as we have hinted at may be attributed to his desire to make his history as comprehensive as possible. In the fulfilment of that aim he takes in such subjects as Russian folk-opera, Swedish Sangspel, Danish Syngespil—the German Singspiel, of course, having a chapter to itself—masques and minstrelsy, ballad opera, and various types of entertainment denoted by the term burlesque. The pages that deal with Offenbach are among the best in the book.

Mr. Mackinlay disclaims any attempt to make his list of composers in the field he has explored complete. Nevertheless, in a volume which assigns a page and a half to Sigmund Romberg it is a little surprising to find no mention even of Emmerich Kalman, Kunze, Louis Ganne, Sousa, or Gerstwin. (Apart from numerous operettas, Ganne will be remembered as the composer of two of the most popular marches of modern times.) And, as the book is sure to be widely read, the author may be recommended in any future edition to correct some errors. Oscar Straus—whose name, by the way, is twice misspelt—was the composer of "The Chocolate Soldier," not Leo Fall. Nor was the latter the composer of the play called in the English version "The Girl in the Taxi." Rudolf Friml's first name is wrongly given as Charles. Further, a mistake occurs twice in Hahn's first name, Streinfeld is misspelt, and the title of one of Offenbach's most famous operas given as "Orpheus en Enfer." There are any number of interesting portraits and illustrations.

BRITISH FILMS.

THE STRAITS "QUOTA" BILL.

The "Straits Times" expresses all but unqualified admiration for the "Quota" Bill, about to be introduced into the Legislative Council, with the object of securing that a certain proportion of the films exhibited in the Colony shall be of British origin. The passing of the Bill into an Enactment, says our contemporary, will put into local practice the recommendations of the recent Imperial Conference, which recognised that it was of the greatest importance that a larger and increasing proportion of the films exhibited throughout the Empire should be of Empire production. "As in motor car production, so in film production, the United States reaped a very great advantage over the British Empire during the war years. We are now catching up in the motor trade by sheer mechanical ability and trading genius. In film production, however, the psychological element enters. We cannot afford the time necessary to counteract the disabilities under which we suffered during the war. For years, the American film interests have held the financial dice loaded in their favour. They have made a determined effort, and in the minds of many, not always a too scrupulous effort, to get complete control of every branch of the film industry, not only in the British Empire, but throughout the world. They have been aided and abetted by financiers who value control of films as a supreme instrument of propaganda in politics and trade."

This, as the "Straits Times" points out, has been fully appreciated by the Hon'ble Mr. G. G. Seth, the acting Attorney-General, S.S., the framers of the new measure, who states in unequivocal terms that "the cinema is to-day the most universal means through which national ideas and national atmosphere can be spread, and the Government of this Colony intends to foster the growth of British ideas and aspirations."

The most important clauses are: (a) a clause which defines what constitutes a British film and (b) a clause setting out as to how the "quota" shall be effected. The latter enacts that during the year ending December 31, 1928, after deduction of the footage of topical or educational or scientific films at least 7½ per cent. of the films exhibited in cinemas must be British. The "quota" is increased to 10 per cent. during 1929, and thereafter increases by 5 per cent. until the maximum "quota" of 30 per cent. is reached. It is calculated not merely on total of film, but on total feet multiplied by the number of times exhibited during the normal hours in the ordinary programme.

As our contemporary points out, it seems possible that the ways and means adopted by exhibitors to fulfil the law according to their peculiar tastes may be in accordance with the letter rather than the spirit of the Enactment, but such idiosyncrasies are, we suppose, susceptible to correction, and, provided that the law is wisely and tactfully administered, there should be no difficulty in achieving the goal at which it aims—but whether any permanent good can be accomplished by compulsion in a matter of this nature is indeed open to dispute.—"Malay Mail."

Frequenters of the Old Vic, operatic performances will be glad to hear that the authorities have decided to augment their usual orchestra by the addition of seven extra "strings," and if the audiences are of sufficient strength during the first weeks of the season, and provide the necessary wherewithal, the orchestra for the production of "Lohengrin" at the end of February will be increased to thirty-six players. Incidentally, as Miss Astra Desmond is about to return to her studies in Italy, the role of Marguerite in "Faust," referred to recently, will be taken by Miss Joan de Ferrars.

BIG FILM DEAL.

BRITISH FOOTING IN GERMAN CINEMAS.

Berlin.—The Sud Film Company has, according to the "Vossische Zeitung," passed into the hands of British International Pictures.

This is an important step, for the Sud company has an organisation stretching all over Germany for distributing films. The transaction signifies, says the "Vossische Zeitung," that British International Pictures has now a footing in German cinema theatres.

I think good British pictures will be welcome in Germany, for there are not enough German films to supply the needs of the theatres and the German public is getting weary of films from Hollywood.

British International Pictures is the new company which has taken over the recently-built film studios in Hertfordshire and has engaged Miss Evelyn Laye, Mrs. Carl Brisson, and Mr. Jack Buchanan among other artists, while Mr. Sidney Chaplin is to begin work on a picture in August.—"Daily Mail" correspondent.

INVERTIBLE COUNTERPOINT.

Writers of text-books are sometimes apt to forget that the span of human life is a short one and the average musician cannot, even if he would, devote every day of his three-score years and ten to the study of any one special branch of his art. A command of counterpoint is essential to the instrumentalist, the conductor, the composer. But it is not an end in itself. The instrumental player and the conductor need to know its laws, for such knowledge alone enables them to understand quickly the mechanism of any piece of music they may wish to interpret. The composer finds in counterpoint his most useful tools; yet other studies—orchestration, harmony, instrumental technique—have equally pressing claims. It is the conspicuous merit of Professor C. H. Kitson's new treatise on invertible counterpoint and canon that it extenuates nothing that is essential nor sets down anything that students might attribute to a teacher's pedantry, if not malice. Professor Kitson's wisdom is not less apparent in the lucid exposition of the laws governing invertible counterpoint than in his determination not to go further back than J. S. Bach or in his refusal to include the "various curious kinds of canon that cannot be made musical by the average student." This is a sort of text-book which ought to be introduced specially in those foreign schools where Cherubini reigns unchallenged. Cherubini's style is as pure in music as Addison's in prose. But the modern student cannot be restricted by his dictionary. He should be studied, not imitated, and there are teachers who expect students to imitate rather than to understand. One can give no higher praise to Professor Kitson than to say that his volume will induce study and not imitation.

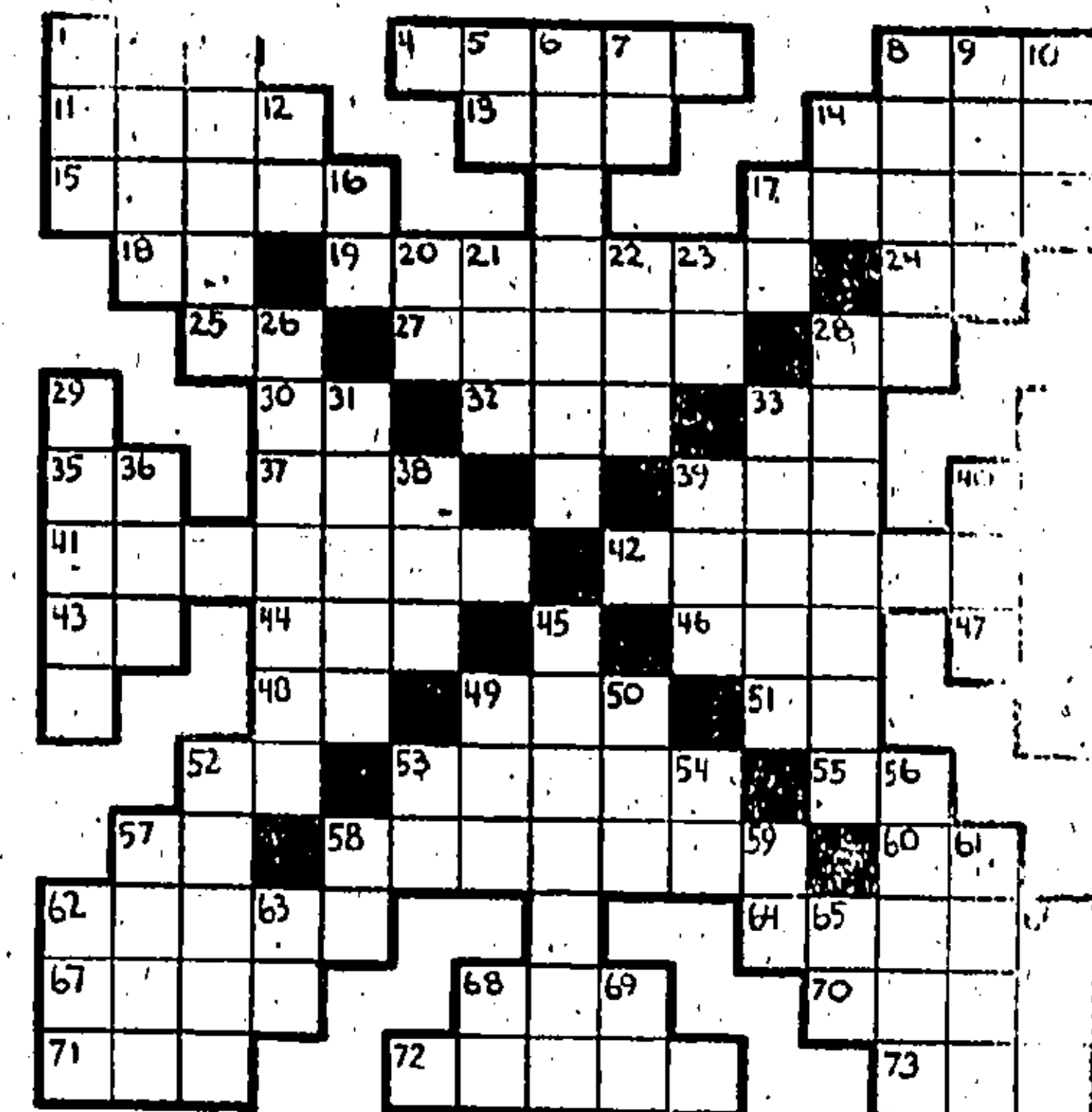
GAUMONT-CENTURY PROPOSAL.

A further extension of the interests of the £2,000,000 Gaumont-British Picture Corporation in the provinces is foreshadowed in a letter from the chairman of the New Century Pictures, Ltd., to shareholders reporting an offer to purchase the New Century Pictures shares for £337,500, according to the Press Association, or £2 5s. per share.

It is stated that the directors of New Century Pictures, which controls a chain of cinemas in Yorkshire and Lancashire, and has an issued capital of £150,000, recommend acceptance of the offer. For each of the past three years the company has paid a dividend of 15 per cent.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Affirmative
- 4-Stiff
- 8-Follow
- 11-Grove old
- 13-A malt liquor
- 14-Learning
- 15-Unreasonable desire
- 17-Unhappily
- 18-Clergyman's degree
- 19-Burning mountain
- 24-Stagnant (abbr.)
- 25-Stanza (abbr.)
- 27-Turbulent
- 28-Pronoun
- 30-Division of the day
- 32-Ginger
- 33-Exit
- 35-Which
- 37-A word for bait
- 39-Afternoon social function
- 40-Into normal condition
- 41-Become gradually apparent
- 42-Healties
- 43-Era of Christianity
- 44-Scold constantly
- 46-Exclamation of disgust
- 47-The object
- 48-Transpose (abbr.)
- 49-Bird's beak
- 51-Old fashioned pronoun

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 52-Division of Western Hemisphere (abbr.)
- 53-Measure of length (pl.)
- 55-Transportation route (abbr.)
- 57-Chemical symbol for tin
- 58-Old Spanish warship
- 60-On
- 62-New medium of communication
- 64-External
- 67-Fully
- 68-Process of doing
- 70-Waste away
- 71-Through
- 72-Requested
- 73-Strange

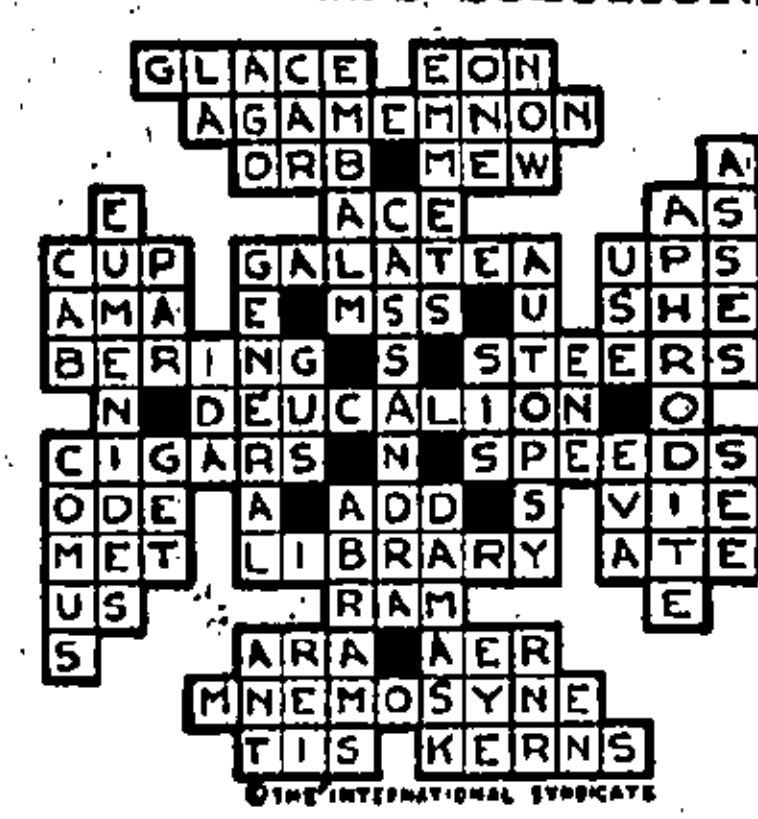
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 17-Swim
- 20-Forward
- 21-Cut off partially
- 22-A royal symbol of ancient Egypt
- 23-Empire State (abbr.)
- 26-Ancient coin (pl.)
- 28-Endure bravely
- 29-The King of the golden touch
- 31-Capable of grinding
- 33-Make fast as a rope
- 34-Multitudes
- 36-Rested
- 38-Mercos
- 39-Teg
- 40-Prefix meaning "threefold"
- 48-Small elevation
- 49-Nothing
- 50-Increase
- 52-Beneath
- 53-Percent
- 54-Thus
- 56-Proportion
- 57-Pervasive
- 58-Projected
- 59-Fragrant
- 61-From a particular direction
- 62-Abbreviation for congressman's title
- 63-Negative prefix
- 65-Above the horizon
- 66-Extreme radical
- 68-Remain weight
- 69-A specialized engineer (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

"Miss Myra Hess played (Schumann's piano concerto) as though inspired, with such technical ease, beauty of tone, and emotional warmth as to lend the effect of recreation rather than interpretation to this ever-lovely work." Thus spake the critic of the "Musical Courier" in his account of the appearance of Miss Hess at a Boston Symphony Orchestra concert conducted recently by Koussevitzky. At the same concert Arnold Bax's Symphony in A flat was played, "a masterfully written" work, "reminiscent of Sibelius in its bleak mood and freedom from sentimentality," says the same journal.

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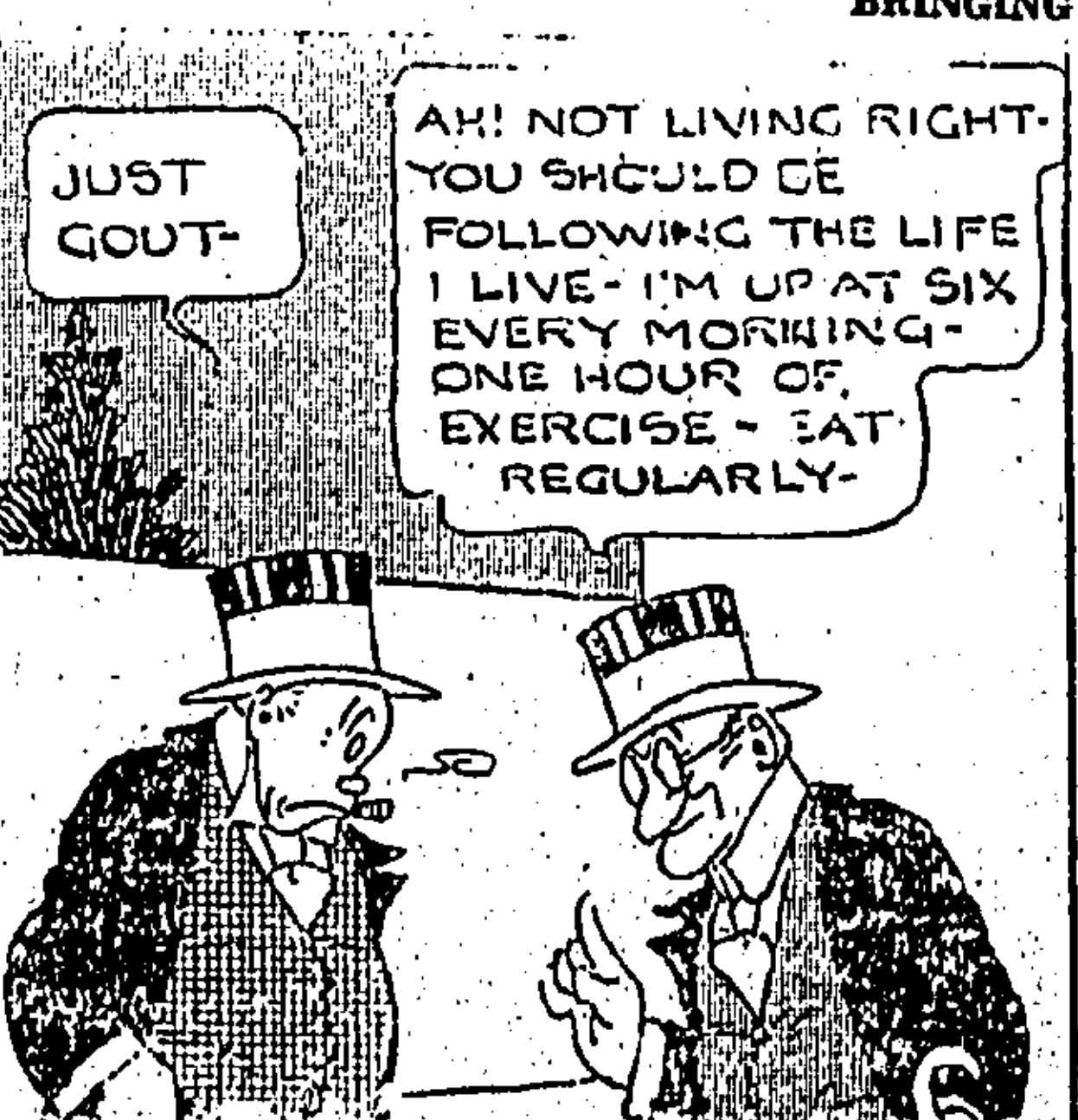
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RUTHLESS MEASURES FOR EXTERMINATION.

"TO THE END."

Rome.—The campaign against the Sicilian Mafia, a secular institution in the island which seems to have dated back almost to the times of King Roger, is proceeding with extraordinary vigour and success.

The condemnation of 154 of its members from the vast region of the Madonie and Conca d'Oro by the jury and Court of Termini-Imerese after a three months' trial, when the severest sentences in the greatest criminal trial in the history of Sicily were passed, has had a vast repercussion in the island. It has given great prestige to the authorities and enables them to proceed to the help of the entire population against the remaining bands.

The work of exterminating the Mafia root and branch was seriously begun four years ago by order of Signor Mussolini, who gave personal instructions, and the task has been carried out with indefatigable energy by Signor Mori, Prefect of Palermo, who is an old friend of Signor Mussolini and had been Prefect of Milan, and by General di Giorgio, commander of the troops in Sicily. General di Giorgio, who is married to an English woman, is well-known in England and speaks English perfectly. He was for some time Signor Mussolini's Minister of War, and on his resignation was sent with a special mission to Sicily. Both the Prefect and the general are Sicilians.

A third participant, whose name has not appeared, is General Achille Muscara, of the Carabinieri, also a Sicilian and friend of Signor Mori and General di Giorgio, who was sent to Sicily at the same time, and who made his headquarters at Trapani. I had a talk with him before he left, and he told me that the work was to be undertaken quietly, but that this time there would be an end to the Mafia.

Truck-Loads of Prisoners.

Shortly afterwards Carabinieri and troops became active in every part of the island, and trucks filled with Mafia criminals were unloaded at the prison doors in numerous provincial centres, and the Mafia chiefs, who had been accustomed to dictate and levy contributions at will among the inhabitants, were surprised to find themselves arrested, handcuffed, and shut up in cells. The first trials, which were followed invariably by severe sentences, culminated in the great trial at Termini-Imerese, on Jan. 10, by the wholesale condemnation of some of the most notorious leaders of three separate bands from what is known as the Madonie Region.

The Madonie Mafia was originally headed by the ferocious brigands, Gaetano Ferrarello, Giuseppe Andaloro, and Antonio

Albanese. Gaetano Ferrarello was a notorious Mafia chief thirty years ago, and in 1896 he escaped the pursuit of the Carabinieri, who had orders to effect his capture. When Gaetano saw recently that there was this time no chance of escape he stoically committed suicide and left a sort of testament, in which, revenged, he had noted down all his lieutenants and henchmen of the present and the past, which was of great use to the police.

Groups And Feuds.

The original band under Ferrarello, Andaloro, and Albanese, broke up into three rival groups, who held different districts in the territory between Palermo and Caltanissetta, and who fought, murdered, and plundered each other occasionally and had deadly feuds. They constituted entire Mafia families, father, sons, brothers, and cousins joining together and commanding subordinate bands.

At Termini-Imerese three Andaloro brothers figured; one, Nicolò, was sentenced to solitary confinement for life, and two, Giuseppe and Carmelo, to penal servitude for life. Both Pietro and Antonio Albanese, heads of a rival gang, were sentenced to solitary confinement for life, whilst Giuseppe Albanese received a term of thirty years and Tommaso Albanese of seventeen years. The sons of the old Ferrarello, at one time head of all the gangs, Salvatore Ferrarello, Domenico Ferrarello, and Giuseppe Ferrarello received sentences respectively of thirty, seventeen, and sixteen years' imprisonment.

In the list there are many other Ferrarellos, Andaloros, and Albanese, as even Mafia families are prolific, and the women themselves took an active part in their misdeeds. Rosalia Andaloro, wife

of one leader, was sentenced to twenty-four years' imprisonment, and Giuseppina Salvo to twenty-three. The list of condemned persons contains a further eight Ferrarellos, five Andaloros, four Albaneses, four Paternòs, and many other entire families. They were between them guilty of numerous murders, highway robbery, extortion, blackmail, and especially sheep and cattle stealing.

It was in 1920 that the three factions came into most serious conflict, and waged open war, when, in a shooting affair round a farmhouse at Mizzani, five men were left dead.

Another Great Round-Up.

Immediately after the trial at Termini-Imerese, the capture of another large band was announced by Signor Mori. Their capture was effected by a large number of Carabinieri, and troops who had taken special measures of precaution in the districts of Castel-Termi, San Biagio, Mussomeli, and Milocca. The band is accused of nearly forty murders and thirty deaths not qualified as murders, over ninety cases of open brigandage, and several hundred cases of blackmail, sheep and cattle stealing, and extortion. The prisoners number more than 300, and the trial will probably reveal even more sensational incidents than the one at Termini-Imerese.

At Avola the Mafia band consisted of forty individuals, who had become so bold that they demanded, six years ago, the recall of the Police Commissary and the removal of the Mayors. The inhabitants, in despair, formed a Committee of Safety, but their properties were ravaged, and such damage was caused that finally they compounded with the Mafia, which undertook to guarantee order and peace on condition of heavy contributions, which were regularly levied.

Foreigners Unmolested.

Desperate, however, as conditions were for the inhabitants, it must not be supposed that foreigners were in any way molested. On the contrary, the Mafia as a rule showed great respect and friendliness for foreigners. They only desired to levy contributions from tradesmen or hotel proprietors, who profited by the presence of tourists.

Hardly a single case of travellers being molested is recorded, and if, by mistake, as happened to some English tourists five years ago, travellers were relieved of their purses and belongings on the highway, the Mafia men themselves restored the money with apologies for the annoyance. They exacted their tribute chiefly from landed proprietors, and also occasionally removed from life some objectionable miser or usurer who had hoarded up millions. The millions were, naturally, collected when possible and appropriated by the Mafia. "Daily Telegraph."

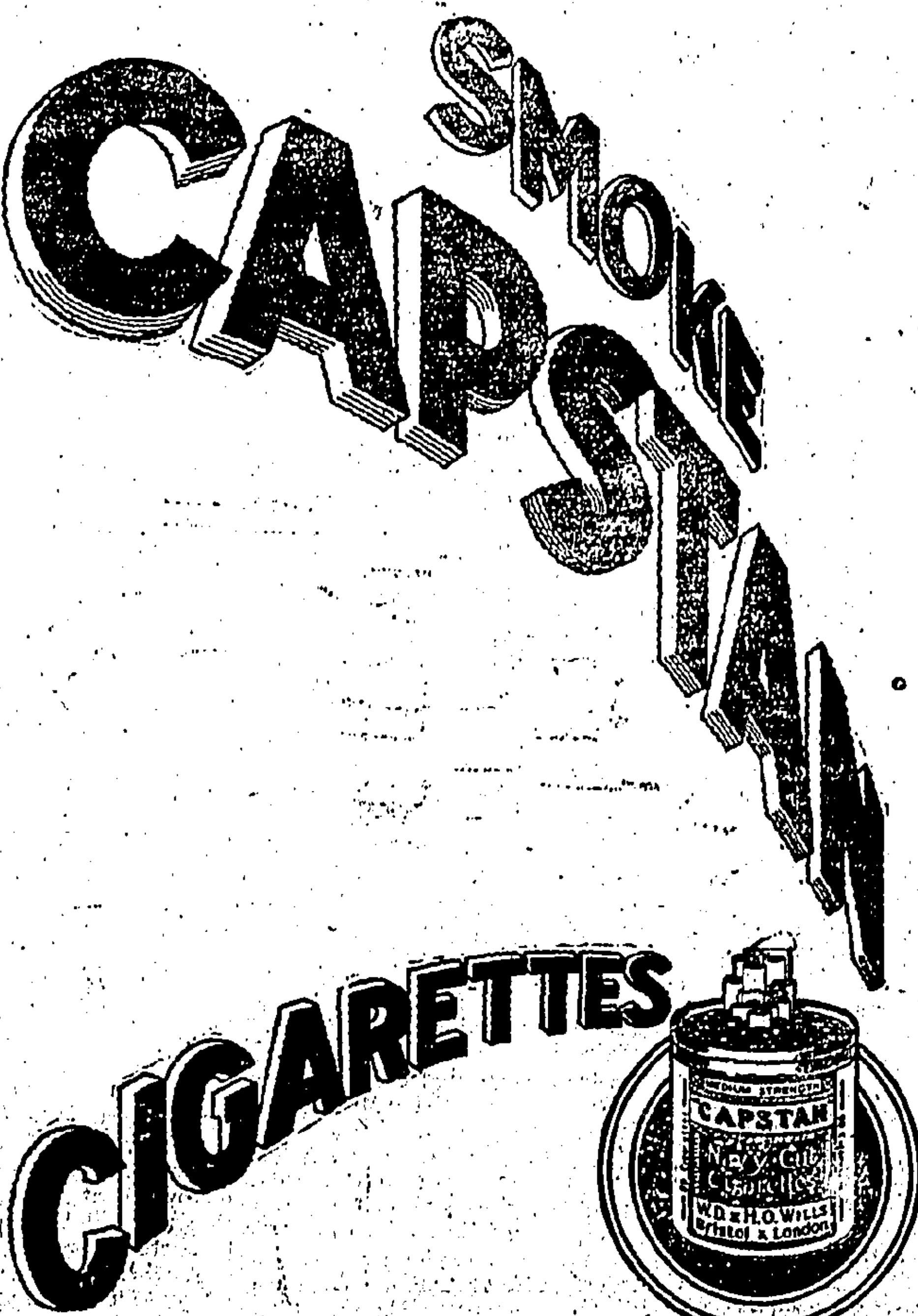
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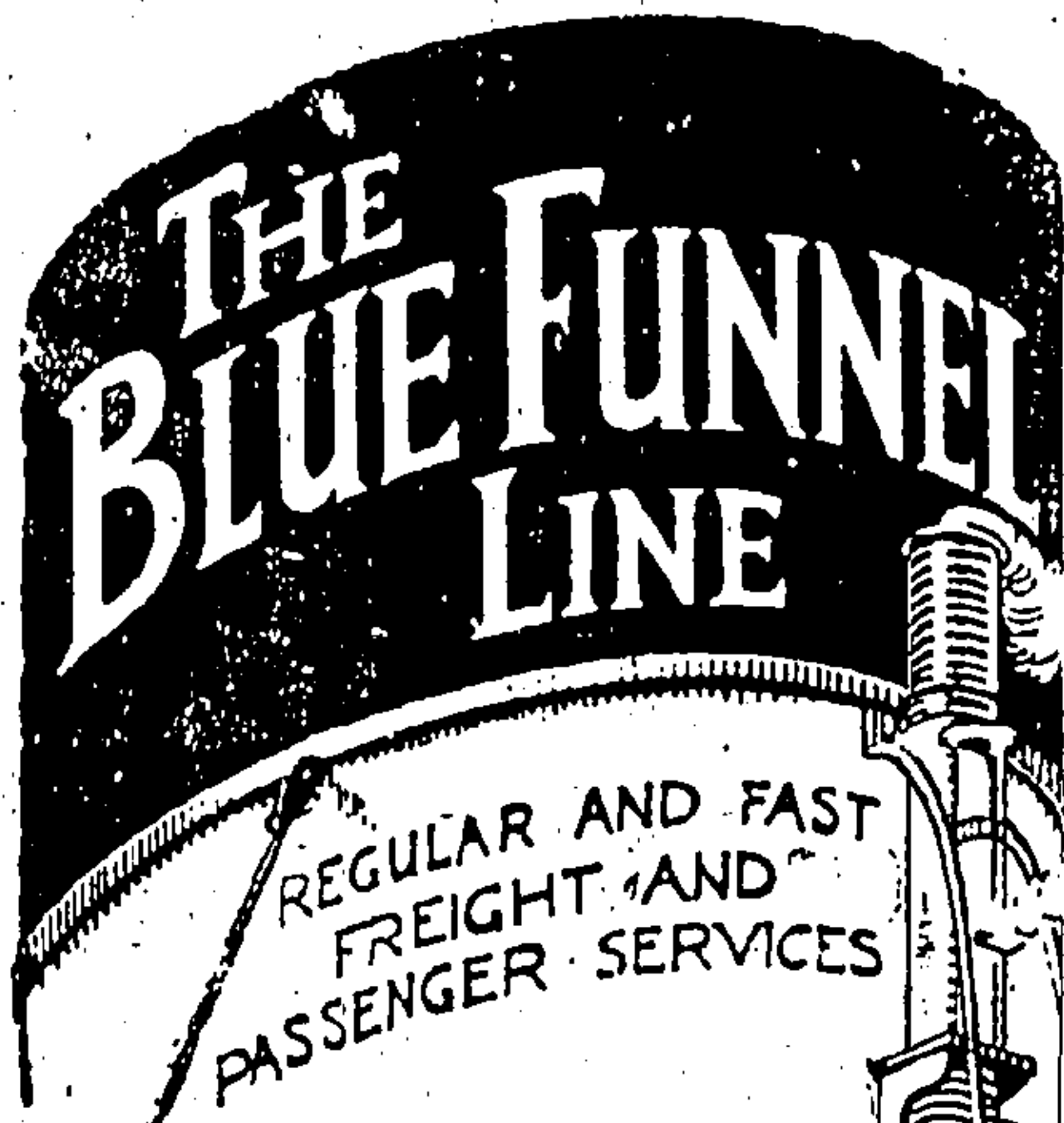
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via Siberia	Sunday
Straits	Monday, MARCH 12.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Tuesday, MARCH 13.
Shanghai	Wednesday, MARCH 14.
Calcutta and Straits	Thursday, MARCH 15.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Friday, MARCH 16.

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For	Per
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 8th April. K.P.O. Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters (Mar. 10th) 9 a.m. G.P.O. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	FRIDAY, MARCH 9.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 7th Apr. K.P.O. Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (Mar. 10th) 9 a.m. Letters (Mar. 10th) 9.45 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (Mar. 10th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Mar. 10th) 10.30 a.m.	SATURDAY, MARCH 10.
Fort Bayard, Amoy and Foochow	9 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	2.30 p.m.
Sandakan	5 p.m.
Amoy	5 p.m.
Manila	5 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 3rd April. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (Mar. 10th) 9.15 a.m. Letters (Mar. 10th) 10 a.m.	SUNDAY, MARCH 11.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	9 a.m.
Swatow	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 5th April and Europe via Siberia. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (March 18th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Mar. 18th) 10.30 a.m.	MONDAY, MARCH 12.
Swatow	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 5th April and Europe via Siberia. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (March 18th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Mar. 18th) 10.30 a.m.	TUESDAY, MARCH 13.
Holchow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	8.30 a.m.

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INDIAN COTTON.

Bombay Mill Owners' Complaints.

SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES.

Depression Due To Economic Causes Beyond Control.

Bombay, Yesterday. Speaking at a dinner to the Governor Sir Leslie Wilson given by the Bombay Millowners' Association, Mr. Mody, chairman of the Association, said the cotton industry was again faced with serious difficulties and had lost all hope of attaining normal trading conditions until it was protected in the Home markets against unfair competition and the export trade assisted similarly to industries of a national character in other countries.

Stocks in mills were continually accumulating, more spindles and looms were stopping and the prices obtained by the manufacturers were becoming increasingly unremunerative. The situation was one for dismay on the part of the stoutest optimist. He hoped the Government of India would see its way to do something more than watch developments.

Sir L. Wilson replied and deplored the depression which was due to economic causes beyond the control of the Government or Association.—Reuter.

AIR ESTIMATES.

SUBSIDIES FOR CIVIL AVIATION.

London, Yesterday. Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, in a memorandum accompanying the Air Estimates, gives the present strength of the Royal Air Force as equivalent to 69 squadrons to which four new squadrons will be added in 1928.

The developments will be principally overseas. Two new squadrons will go to India, making a total there of eight, the cost of which will fall on the Indian exchequer.

Provision is made for two new flights of flying boats, which have great potentialities in protecting imperial communications. One flight will be stationed Overseas. A parachute is now supplied to every aircraft capable of carrying it, and the percentage carrying parachutes will be 86 in 1928. The remainder will be mostly sea-going aircraft and as the present form of attachment involves risk of drowning the difficulty is expected shortly to be solved.

The increase of £19,000 in subsidies in civil aviation is intended for further development in 1928 of existing air services with the ultimate object of establishing an Imperial Air Mail Route to India and the East.—Reuter.

TARIFF AUTONOMY.

JAPANESE TRADING OPPOSITION.

Osaka, Yesterday. Representatives of leading trade associations in Osaka, Kobe and other cities have adopted a resolution opposing Chinese Tariff Autonomy or the proposed interim measures to increase the Customs Revenue, upon the ground that such will merely help Chinese warlords to continue civil wars.

The resolution contends that the Government of North and South China must unite to ask the powers to re-open the Tariff Conference.

The resolution declares that the Peking Government's procedure is a breach of Treaty.

The "Asahi" taking up the matter editorially, urges the closest vigilance of Peking's activities in looking to tariff autonomy, and the paper recommends that Japan should take proper steps before it is too late.—Reuter.

NANKING CHIEFS.

POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Nanking Central Political Council yesterday passed a resolution appointing Gen. Chiang Kai-shek chairman of the C.P.C., and also appointed Li Chai-sun chairman of the Kwangtung division of the C.P.C., similarly Li Chung-jen at Wu-Han, Feng Yu-hsiang at Kaifeng and Yen Hsi-shan at Tai-yuan.—Reuter.

UNRULY STUDENTS.

Police Attacked In Cairo.

STONE THROWING.

Rioting Also At Assiut And Tantah.

Cairo, Yesterday. Fifteen hundred students of industrial schools, who were on strike, came sharply into collision with the police, whom they stoned outside the Wafd Headquarters. The police, wearing steel helmets and carrying shields and heavy sticks, charged and scattered the rioters, three of whom were severely and 25 slightly injured. Eight policemen were injured. Wafd servants used the hose against the demonstrators.

Striking Spectacle. The Wafd Headquarters presented a very striking spectacle with students packed like sardines within its gates. The police outside were without authority to enter while the boys hurled stones from the verandah.

The wounded were carried into the Wafd Headquarters which is Madame Zaglul's house and the ambulance corps was summoned to attend them.

The Wafd leader, Nahas Pasha, arrived and urged the demonstrators to return to their homes.

By 1.30 p.m. only 100 remained. Brushes with the police also occurred in the streets, the police in motor-cars chasing the runaways.

The students of the Sheikh School at Assiut struck yesterday and endeavoured to bring out the students at the American College which they attacked, smashed the gates, tore up trees and smashed windows with stones.

The principal and staff defended the building, and the efforts to terrorise the students into striking failed. The principal was slightly injured.

At Tantah. Schoolboys at Tantah held a demonstration and burned three motor-cars including the car of the Egyptian Commandant, who was severely handled.

The casualties in the rioting at Cairo, Assiut and Tantah have so far been confined to students.—Reuter.

Holiday in Egypt.

London, yesterday. Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, accompanied by Lord and Lady Boyd, have left London for Egypt on holiday.—Reuter.

Sarwat's Desire.

Cairo, Yesterday. The Secretary-General of the Council of Ministers has issued in French and Arabic the text of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty the document contained in the British White Paper, together with a very important letter from Sarwat to Sir A. Chamberlain dated March 5 in which Sarwat after regretting the failure of negotiations, expresses the conviction that efforts should be employed by both sides, at least to prepare the way for the conclusion of an entente which was the dearest wish of the two countries.

The morning's demonstrations were mainly directed against the police. The crowd severely beleaguered a plain clothes officer near the Wafd headquarters. Several ringleaders were arrested.

American Protest?

Except for a few students parading the streets in motorcars shouting "Long live Liberty" the afternoon and evening were without incident.

It is understood the United States Charge d'Affaires is making a representation to the Egyptian Government in regard to the students' demonstration against the American College.

U. S. A. Changes. Washington, Yesterday. Mr. Franklin Mott Gunther, chief of the division of Mexican affairs in the State Department has been appointed United States Minister to Egypt vice Mr. Morton Howells resigned.

The State Department officials said the view taken of the Anglo-Egyptian crisis should not affect American-Egyptian relations in any way and explained that the American Government recognised the Government of Egypt.—Reuter's American Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 3/16.

DOMINION'S RIGHT.

To Keep Out of a British War.

HERTZOG'S BOMBHELL.

"Each State Now Master Of Its Own Destiny."

Capetown, Yesterday. The right of a British dominion to remain neutral in the event of Britain being involved in war was dealt with by General J. B. M. Hertzog in a speech in the Assembly in moving the ratification of the Imperial Conference resolution.

He declared that each State of the Empire was now master of its own destiny and was the sole judge of the extent of its co-operation within the Empire. Consequently both by law and equity the Dominion's right to neutrality could not be rejected nor was there any higher central authority.—Reuter.

General Smuts' Reply.

General Smuts, in reply, gravely urged that it was very important to avoid all occasions where the question of neutrality could possibly be raised. He wanted their relations with the Government of Great Britain to be so close and friendly that they never even raise a question which should be regarded as purely academic in the future.—Reuter.

NO HOLY WAR.

DENIAL FROM PALESTINE GOVERNMENT.

Jerusalem, Yesterday. The Secretariat of the Palestine Government announces that all rumours from Basra and Jerusalem of the declaration of a Holy War by Ibn Saud against the Moslems of Iraq and trans-Jordania lack confirmation.—Reuter.

H.M. MUSICALE.

SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE LAST NIGHT.

Another of the popular Helena May Institute musicale took place last night, when it was attended by a large and enthusiastic gathering of music-lovers.

Miss E. Dunbar, who possesses an excellent voice, was outstanding in an altogether fine programme. She sang in Italian, choosing items by Schindler in the first half of the programme, and selections from other composers in the second half.

Mr. John Braga's violin solos were up to his usual high standard both in technique and interpretation, and was well received. He also accompanied songs by Mrs. R. Sanger and Mrs. G. E. Aubrey with excellent violin obligatos, which greatly contributed to the enjoyment of the clever singers' contributions. Mrs. Sanger's offerings were five selections from Brahms, whilst Mrs. Aubrey sang pieces by Spohr and Handel.

Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith, who is a gifted pianist, was unusually good last night when he played some fine pieces by Chopin. He and Miss Caroline Braga were the accompanists throughout the programme, and did excellent work.

The next musicale will be held at the Institute on March 22.

BANKNOTE TRICK.

A Chinese woman living at No. 9, Ship-street, Wanchai, was yesterday afternoon made the victim of the old banknote trick. She was accosted by two men in Arsenal-street who represented that they were strangers who wished to have a roll of foreign banknotes changed into local currency. When the woman agreed to change the notes for them, the men induced her to part with a pair of gold bangles worth \$48 as security for the money. When she eventually discovered that the money changers had been given a bundle of waste paper, she returned to the spot where the men had promised to wait for her, but they had already disappeared.

Mr. Goh Tiew Wan, of Malacca, who was qualified as a lawyer, is expected in Singapore by the Japanese mail steamer.

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SHIPPING SUBSIDY.

AMERICAN PRESIDENT FLOUTED.

New York—Washington despatches confidently predict that the United States Senate will approve the bill offered by Senator Jones committing the Government to heavy financial expenditure in an attempt to build up a great American merchant marine under the control of the United Shipping Board.

Senator Jones is said to have won majority support by modifying the clauses dealing with mail contracts and permanent Government ownership. Even as modified, however, the bill is directly opposed to the wish of President Coolidge that the Government shall divorce itself from the shipping industry as soon as possible. Congress evidently favours the argument of the Shipping Board that the country's only hope for a real merchant marine is sell the vessels.

GOVERNMENT SHIPS, SUPPORTED BY PUBLIC FUNDS.

Ostensibly the Shipping Board is still willing to dispose of the Government ships to private owners, although the officials of the United States Steel Corporation today allege that they have been unable to buy the vessels of the Roosevelt Line operating between the United States and India.

The rate war now being waged by the Roosevelt Line, with the consent of the Shipping Board, against its British competitors in the jute trade with India has made it unprofitable for the Steel Corporation to continue the ships of the Isthmian Line which it owns, and the company must either withdraw them or obtain a court order to prohibit the Government continuing the rate war.

According to the statement of the Steel Corporation it is willing to buy the Roosevelt Line ships and operate them at rates which will permit a profit to all concerned, but the Shipping Board will not hope for a real merchant marine is sell the vessels.

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